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ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan sent its negotiator back to Geneva Sunday to resume talks on the Afghan conflict but withheld a decision on signing a proposed peace accord. The U.N.-mediated indirect talks between Pakistan and the Soviel-backed Afghan government are to resume Monday after a two-day recess, during which the Pakistan government consulted leading opposition politicians. A statement after the two-day conference at Rawalpindi near Islamabad quoted Prime Minister Moham mad Khan Junejo as saying he would decide what to do in the "national interest." A Junejo aide promised an early decision but there was no official word when it would be made. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani left for Geneva via Moscow after briefing the conference about the talks, where he leads the Pakistan delegation. Before leaving. he parried reporters who asked whether he would meet any Soviet official on the way. "I am going to Geneva, that's all," he said. He also declined to speak to reporters about the latest position of Pakistan, which wants a neutral transitional government in Afghanistan before signing any accord

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Kuwait grants new aid for uprising

Trectors (KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait said Sunday it had granted \$5 million in fresh humanitarian aid to sup-The of the port the three-month-old Palestinan uprising in the Israeli occunear of the ever e zee la be they pied territories. Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid told reporters after a weekly cabinet meeting the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, had ordered the money be donated to Palestinian hospitals and welfare associations.

U.S. envoy holds talks in W. Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — A U.S. envoy met Muslim leaders in west Beirut Sunday for talks which political sources said dealt with reconciliation between the country's rival groups. The sources said April Glaspie, a State Department official, arrived from Damascus and met acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and Parliament Speaker Hussein-Husseini. Political sources said her visit to Lebanon was a prelude to the expected arrival next week in Damascus of U.S. Under-Secretary of State Richard Murphy.

Libyans, Saudis to inspect planes in

CAIRO (R) - A team of Libyan and Saudi fechnicians arrived in Cairo Sunday to inspect four Libyan MiG-23 fighters which land ed in Egypt last week, aviation sources said. President Hosni Muharak said Saturday the Soviet-built jets, flown by Libyan pilots to an airbase in the western desert last Tuesday, would be allowed to return home after being examined. He said nothing about the whereabouts of the pilots, who were thought to be still in Egypt. The inspection feam arrived aboard a Libyan military plane from Riyadh following mediation efforts by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at the request of Lihyan leader Muammar

Swedish minister to see Peres in Israel

STOCKHOLM (AP) -Sweden's Foreign Minister Sten Anderson Saturday left for Israel where he will meet Shimon Peres and encourage his Israeli colleague to keep working for an international peace conference, Swedish Television reported. Sweden traditionally supports Israel, but has repeatedly urged the Israeli government to withdraw from the occupied territories and to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). During the last three months of uprising in the occupied territories, Anderson sharply criticised the Israeli army's policy of "violence and beating and the use of sharp ammunition against defenceless people."

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His Majesty King Hussein Sunday confers with Spanish Parliament Speaker Felix Pons (Petra photo)

King briefs Spanish parliament speaker

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday hriefed Spanish Parliament Speaker Felix Pons on Jordan's stand towards establishing peace in the Middle East and its call for an international peace conference to be attended by the five U.N. Security Council permanent member states and all parties to the conflict, including the

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The King thanked Spain for its support of Arah causes.

The audience was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Lower House Speaker Akef Al Fayez, Jordan's ambassador to Spain and the Spanish ambassador to Jordan.

Rifai lauds Jordanian-Spanish ties, page 3

Israeli press publishes Shultz peace proposal

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli newspaper published Sunday what it said was a photocopy of the Middle East peace plan submitted in a letter by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Publication of the one-page letter hy the mass-circulation Yedioth Ahronoth appeared to remove the last shred of confiden-tiality from a document which Israeli officials began to divulge selectively as soon as it was banded to Shamir and Foreign

Minister Shimon Peres last Friday.

The prime minister's office declined to say whether or not the letter was genuine.

"We did not give it out, so we do not confirm it," spokesman

Officials said identically-worded letters were delivered to the

governments of Jordan, Syria and Egypt. The plan appears to give a greater role to a U.N. sponsored international peace conference than previously disclosed by U.S.

The following is the full text of the letter, signed by Shultz,

according to Yedioth Ahronoth: Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I set forth below the statement of understandings which I am convinced is necessary to achieve the prompt opening of negotiations on a comprehensive peace. This statement of understandings emerges from discussions held with you and other regional leaders. I look forward to the letter of reply of the government of Israel in confirmation of this statement.

The agreed objective is a comprehensive peace providing for the security of all the states in the region and for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Negotiations will start on an early date certain between Israel and each of its neighbours which is willing to do so. These negotiations could begin by May 1, 1988. Each of these negotiations will be based on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, in all their parts. The parties to each bilateral negotiation will determine the procedure and agenda of their negotiation. All participants in the negotiations must state their willingness to negotiate with one another.

As concerns negotiations between the Israeli delegation and Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, negotiations will begin on arrangements for a transitional period, with the objective of completing them within six months. Seven months after transitional negotiations begin, final status negotiations will begin with the objective of completing them within one year. These negotiations will be based on all the provisions and principles of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. Final status talks will start before the transitional period begins. The transitional period will begin three months after the conclusion of the transitional agreement and will last for three years. The United States will participate in both negotiations and will promote their rapid conclusion. In particular, the United States will submit a draft agreement for the parties' consideration at the outset of the negotiations on transitional arrangements.

Two weeks before the opening of negotiations, an international conference will be held. The secretary general of the United Nations will be asked to issue invitations to the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the five permanent members of the-United Nations Security Council. All participants in the conference must accept United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and renounce violence and terrorism. The parties to each bilateral negotiations may refer reports on the status of their negotiations to the conference, in a manner to be agreed. The conference will not be able to impose solutions or veto agree-

Palestinian representation will be within the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The Palestinian issue will be addressed in the negotiations between the Jordanian-Palestinian and Israeli delegations. Negotiations between the Israeli delegation and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will proceed independently of any other negotiations.

This statement of understandings is an integral whole. The Umted States understands that your acceptance is dependent on the implementation of each element in good faith.

Sincerely yours, George P. Shultz.

Two more Arabs killed; Israeli troops storm, besiege hospitals

Palestinians stage defiant 'Flag Day'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) -Israeli soldiers shot to death two Palestinian teen-agers Sunday as protesters hoisted hundreds of Palestinian flags in the occupied territories during a "Flag Day."

Soldiers stormed a Gaza City tories Dec. 8, according to U.N. hospital to arrest suspected Palestinian stone-throwers, including one reportedly dragged from his bed. In the West Bank, troops besieged a second hospital after Palestinians on rooftops threw stones and a firebomh at soldiers below.

Sunday's fatalities brought to 86 the number of Palestinians killed since the Palestinian uprising erupted in the occupied terri-

Israeli

ministers

clash over

U.S. plan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's divided cabinet clashed Sunday

U.S. Middle East peace initiative

ahead of a visit to Washington by

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

Israeli news reports said the

proposals, submitted Friday by

Secretary of State George Shultz

to the right-wing Shamir and his Labour Party rival, Foreign

Minister Shimon Peres, called for

At a weekly cabinet meeting,

a unified Israeli response soon.

Labour ministers demanded that

the 10-man inner cabinet should

vote before Shamir's departure

on the plan aimed at ending the

"We must decide on our

answer to the American docu-

ment before the prime minister's

departure next Sunday," Econo-

mics Minister Gad Yaacobi of

"I hope the answer will be

positive... if it is not, we will

bring the suggestion to the inner

Shamir and members of his

Likud hloc rejected the Labour

demands and said no decision

would be taken until Shamir re-

turned from his U.S. visit, set for

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cabinet and ask for a vote."

Labour told reporters.

later this month.

and Gaza.

to respond to

figures.

In newly released figures, Israel army radio said 73 Palestinians had been killed in clashes with soldiers, 45 of them in the West Bank and the rest in the Gaza Strip. A total of 654 others were wounded by gunfire.
The radio said 169 Israeli sol-

diers and 117 civilians had been

(Continued on page 4)



An Israeli soldier 'keeps watch' on an arrested Palestinian boy

Iraq, Iran keep up missile attacks and air raids on cities

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran and pass on to U.N. Secretary-Gener- to an overall end to the war while lran battered each other's cities al Javier Perez de Cuellar the Iran asserted it only accepted an with missiles and warplane raids Sunday, with no sign of a letup in a week of savage revenge duels.

Thousands of people marched through central Tehran to the Soviet emhassy, claiming Moscow had supplied Iraq with longrange missiles, the Islamic Re-

public News Agency reported. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Iraq fired five long-range rockets into Tehran and jet fighters bombed 10 Iranian cities in retaliation for Iran's "criminal attacks on Iraqi civilian areas."
Iran said it launched two mis-

siles into Baghdad and four into other Iraqi cities, including Basra in the south, while Iranian warplanes bombed four cities or towns.

11-week Palestinian uprising in Both sides reported civilians the Israeli-occupied West Bank killed or wounded in the missile and bomhing attacks, hut gave no figures.

Iran has reported at least 94 civilians killed and more than 210 wounded since the missile tit-fortat began last Monday, while Irao has reported many civilian casualties hut no numbers.

Iraq says it has fired 38 missiles into the Iranian capital during that period and three into the holy city of Qom. Iran says it retaliated with 18 rockets launched into Baghdad.

Libyan mediation Libya said Sunday it would results of its mediation efforts end to the war of the cities and a between Iran and Iraq.

The official Libyan news agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, said an envoy of Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad while "contacts were also made with the leadership of

the Iranian revolution." "As a result of this, Iraq agreed

continuation of the war," it said. The Libyan envoy at the Un-

ited Nations would tell this to Perez de Cuellar, it said. Libya resumed diplomatic relations with Iraq last year although the two countries have yet to

exchange ambassadors. (Continued on page 4)

5 Israelis injured in Katyusha attack

TEL AVIV (R) — Soviet-designed Katyusha rockets fired from southern Lehanon slammed into a house in northern Israel Saturday wounding five people, security sources

The rockets was fired from beyond the Israeli-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon, the sources added.

The injured Israelis were taken to hospital in the town of Naharia, where staff said their wounds were slight. Several Katyushas have fal-

len in northern Israel recently hut caused no injuries.

Senior army officers say they were fired by the Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) to encourage the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and to demonstrate a presence on Israel's northern border.

Israel troops and their South Lehanon Army (SLA) militia allies jointly patrol the "security zone," set up along the border in 1985 when Israel withdrew most of its troops from Lehanon after invading in

The declared aim of the invasion was to push Palestinian guerrillas back so that northern Israeli settlements would be beyond reach of their rockets.

Resistance reports attack In Rashaya, Lebanon, Re-sistance fighters said they amhushed an Israeli patrol in

South Lebanon Sunday and

killed or wounded 12 soldiers. The Islamic Resistance, a coalition of Resistance group led by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), said it attacked an Israeli armoured personnel carrier (APC) near Bint Ibeil in Israel's "security

EC welcomes U.S. efforts in Mideast

(Agencies) — The European Community (EC), eager to boost its role in world affairs, conventional forces. Sunday welcomed the Middle East peace initiative launched hy the United States and reaffirmed its support for an international peace conference on the Arab-

Israeli conflict. The EC also linked human rights improvements in the East bloc to progress in East-West talks to cut conventional forces in Europe.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the issues had been the main topics at a two-day meeting of the community's 12 foreign ministers which ended here Sunday.

He said ministers had discussed the need to bring the Vienna Conference on Security and

KONSTANZ, West Germany Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to an end with a mandate for East-West negotiations to cut

"To us, a halanced outcome (at

the CSCE) means ... halanced progress in scientific, technological and cultural cooperation, in questions on European security and on the issnes of human rights commitments," he told reporters. Howe said last week's NATO summit, which called for conven-

tional forces negotiations, and intense consultations in Europe had laid good ground for arms

He said community ministers wanted to ensure a joint posture on human rights in the Vienna talks "now that the arms agenda is in good order."

The community also announced that it would lodge a the Middle East peace process.

formal protest against South Africa's ban on anti-apartheid groups.

Underlining the community's new-found confidence as a voice in world politics, the ministers welcomed the Middle East peace mission by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Howe said the community, which last month deplored Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, supported the U.S. "reengagement" in efforts to bring about an international peace conference in the Middle East.

Genscher said he would meet Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleh Ibrahimi, as a representative of the Arah League, to try and give a new impulse to

Arabs see Shultz plan as step forward, but flawed

By Alistair Lyon Reuter

AMMAN - Arab states from Syria to Egypt have sniffed a carrot in the new U.S. peace plan but before they bite they want to ensure their minimum terms for an overall Middle East settlement can be met.

Written proposals by Secretary of State George Shultz to Arah and Israeli leaders last week have drawn a cautious welcome from Arab countries pleased by mention of an international conference and Palestinian rights.
But the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) denounced the Shultz plan as a plot to quash a 12-week-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The PLO warns against the dangers of the American plot," the Tunis-based PLO's 15-man Executive Committee said in its first response to Shultz's nineday peace mission to the Mid-

Syria gave a mild welcome to the U.S. suggestions, hnt Damascus Radio said they would remain mere slogans unless they were shaped into a "suitable formula." "The United States began to

speak about an international conference and legitimate rights of the Palestinians and this is a good thing compared with Washington's previous stand which rejected the conference and spoke of Palestinians as refugees," the radio

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak publicly welcomed the Shultz proposals as encouraging and constructive. Jordan has yet to comment publicly on the plan.

Arab demands also focus on a comprehensive settlement exchanging land for peace, Palestinian self-determination and a PLO seat at a U.N.sponsored peace conference. PLO leader Yasser Arafat, in

a U.S. television interview Saturday, said no solution was possible unless the United States dropped its refusal to meet the PLO.

But he also repeated that the PLO was prepared to recognise Israel in the context of U.N. resolutions, including 242 and

The Shultz plan falls well short of Palestinian demands for an independent state and a purported text published in the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Abaronot made no mention of the PLO.

The plan envisages an international conference under U.N. auspices in April, with talks hetween Israel and the Arabs opening in May hased on Security Council Resolution

Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation would discuss a three-year transition period for the West Bank and Gaza while talks on their final status would start in December.

Jordan is willing to attend talks in a joint delegation, but has also said the PLO could take part separately. A hid to achieve a common PLO-Jordan approach to peace talks collapsed in 1986 and political contacts resumed only in the last few months.

Whatever their reservations. Arah leaders seem unlikely to resolve Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's dilemma by rejecting the U.S. plan hefore Shultz's informal deadline for

replies expires in 10 days. Shamir, due in Washington March 14, fiercely opposes any process that might lead to an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank, Gaza

Strip or Golan Heights. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres advocates "territorial compromise," though he rejects the idea of a Palestinian state or total withdrawal from

all Israeli-occupied lands. Jordan and other Arah states have voiced scepticism about Washington's willingness to press its Israeli ally to make concessions that could form the hasis for a lasting peace.

Kidnappers shift activities from Beirut to S. Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Foreigners working in South Lebanon have fallen victim to the kidnap epidemic after escaping for years the anti-Western sentiment that plagued mainly Muslim west Beirut.

Muslim sources say that with the main exodus of foreigners from west Beirut, kidnappers have geared their activities to the South, controlled by several opposition militias and a stronghald for Palestinian cam-

Only a few Westerners still brave kidnap risks in west Beirut after the hulk of the community and emhassies evacuated the western sector in 1986.

Unidentified gunmen have kidnapped five foreigners - twn Scandinavians, an American, a Briton and a Syrian - in the southern ports of Sidon and Tyre over the past month in the first ever mass kidnap wave in the

after 26 days in captivity, were reported held by Palestinians. U.S. Marine Colonel William

Swede Jan Stening and Norwegian William Joergensen, freed

Higgins was seized near Tyre on

Political observers and Shi ite Feh. 17 while Briton Peter Col-luslim sources say that with the eridge and Syrian Omar Trabulsi were taken in Sidon on March 3. One political observer said the

deplnyment in Fehruary last year of more than 7,000 Syrian troops in west Beirut has contributed to a shift in kidnapping to the South.
"There is a majnr force in

charge of security in west Beirut and kidnappers have been forced to give in and release those they

"But in the South there are many groups so kidnappers won't face any major pressure or threat," one observer said.

Two foreigners, American Charles Glass and West German Ralph Schray, were seized since the Syrian deployment. Both men have been released after reported Syrian pressure and threats.

Palestinian factions maintain a stronghuld at refugee camps in Sidon and Tyre, The Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army

(PLA) controls Sidnn while the Shi'ite Amal militia hulds Tyre. "Foreigners have always trusted Amal and the Palestinians hut what has changed now is that both are infiltrated by Muslim fundamentalists linked to Iran," one diplomat said.

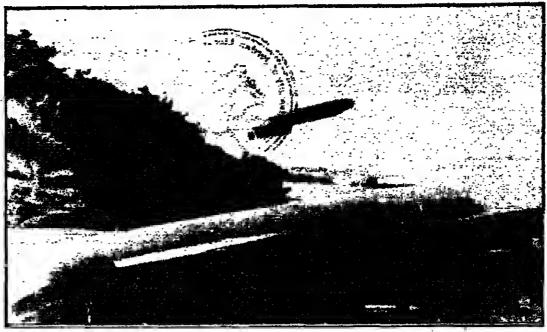
Pro-Iranian militants have gradually and over the past three years spread their influence across the south and Muslim fundamentalism is reported growing among Palestinians.

The Iranian-backed Radicals are believed behind the abduction of most of the 27 foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in Lehanon.

Abdul Majid Saleh, a top Amal official in Tyre, said: "There seems to be a plan to move the kidnapping from Beirut to the South but we will not allow the South to become a place for gaining fortunes through kidnapping foreigners."

Daoud Daoud, another Amal official, said there was a plan to kidnap more foreigners in the

The nnly foreigners known to live in the South are those working for the U.N. Interim Force In Lehanon (UNIFIL), the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), and the International



The Chinese Sifkworms, the type sent to Iran, are seen during tests in China (file photo)

Arabs seek apology over Kissinger's remarks

WASHINGTON (R) — Henry saying Israel should har television Kissinger should apologise to and other news coverage of de-Palestinians for his comments recommending that Israel put down demonstrations in the occupied territories by whatever force is needed, the Arah League said

Kissinger's comments were reported in the New Ynrk Times which said it obtained a memo of his remarks at a private meeting of Jewish leaders about a month ago made by another participant at the meeting. Kissinger was also quoted as

monstrations by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank controlled by Israel and accept the world criticism that was sure

"Kissinger owes the families of the Palestinian victims and the forthcoming victims that his recommendations will cause an apology to those in the world

Arah League spokesman Clovis Maksoud said in a statement.

The shocking revelations of Henry Kissinger's advice to Israel tn bar the media from covering the uprising is mindboggling and reveals an intellectual bent that is dangerous and very provoca-tive," Maksoud said.

The New York Times said that Kissinger, secretary of state under Presidents Richard Nixon community that at one time or and Gerald Ford, was upset that another dealt with him, he owes his remarks became known, but them at least an explanation," did not disavow them.

U.S. wants promise on Silkworms from China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will consider lifting a trade sanction against China if a high level envoy provides firm assurances this week that the Chinese will not send Silkworm missiles to Iran, a senior U.S. official said.

It will be a key issue when China's Foreign Minister Wu Xneqian meets President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz Monday and Tuesday, during the Chinese official's first visit to Washington in four

Last October, after Chinesehuilt Silkworm missiles fired by Iran hit two ships in the Gulf, the United States announced a halt in a decade-old process of liberalising the types of high technology American companies could sell to

Since then, China has said it has halted its participation in sales of Silkworms to Iran, and the U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "our information is that they've been

living up to that."
Still, before resuming liber-

trade, "we want to be sure we're in sync with the Chinese on what we're talking about," the official said. "We believe the Chinese position has been responsive to our concerns, hut we want to be sure that this responsiveness will

He did not rule out the possibility that a statement of U.S. satisfaction and a resumption of high-technology reviews would be announced during the visit.

China has been identified in recent months as the largest supplier of arms to Iran, with sales of about \$1 billion in 1987 - not just in anti-ship missiles but in light weapons, ammunition and other equipment.

The U.S. official repeated the

view of State Department experts that despite the sales, China will, go along with a United Nations Security Council resolution to impose an arms embargo on Iran to bring about a ceasefire in the

seven-year Iran-Iraq war.

The United States is currently seeking final Soviet approval of the resolution.

U.S. senators criticise Shamir

NEW YORK (R) — Thirty U.S. senators, including some nf Israel's strongest supporters. have written a letter saying Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud Party may he obstructing Middle East peace efforts, the New York Times reported

The newspaper said the letter paper said.

was addressed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who returned home Saturday after a peace mission to the region.

Although the letter criticised some Arah states, congressional aides said it was intended to send a message to Shamir and his Likud-Bloc supporters, the news-

Pipeline promoter reportedly cooperating in Meese probe

general might have known of proposed pay-offs to the Israeli Labour Party in connection with a pipeline project seems to be ending, the New York Times said

A signal of the possible close of the inquiry into the role of Attorney General Edwin Meese, it said, was that Special Prosecutor James McKay had granted Swiss husinessman Bruce Rappaport immunity from prosecution in rerum for his cooperation, unless he commits perjury.

McKay is investigating whether

the Iraq-to-Jordan pipeline, which was never huilt, involved plans to make a series of payments to Israel and the Israeli

"The move to secure Mr. Rapbecause it suggests that Mr. has made public.

NEW YORK (R) — A probe of allegations that the U.S. attorney of his inquiry with a decision of his inquiry with a decision likely soon on whether to return indictments in the investigation.

> The U.S. law harring payments to foreign officials and political parties covers Americans "knowing or having reason to know' that payments could he offered, it

> The Washington Post reported Saturday that Rappaport agreed to cooperate in the investigation, particularly whether Meese should have acted against the proposed payments to prevent attacks on the pipeline.

Rappaport hired Meese's friend Boh Wallach, it said, to secure U.S. government support Labour Party totalling at least fur the pipeline. The payments \$700 million. fidential memo from Wallach to paport's cooperation is significant Meese which the attorney general

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Iran arms investigation moves towards indictment WASHINGTON (AP) - Inde- Friday instead of Thursday.

pendent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh is sending up signals that his 13-month investigation will against key participants in the tion. Iran-contra affair.

Criminal charges stemming from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan rebels in 1985 and 1986 have been expected for But the tight-lipped prosecutor has made a number of recent

moves that clearly suggest indictments are imminent within the next few weeks. Last month, for instance, Walsh hired former U.S. District Judge Herhert Stern to represent his office against legal challenges

to "possible prosecutions." The grand jury that has me secretly since late January 1987 who testified months ago seeking indictments.

Walsh, who commutes in his home in Oklahoma City each with that investigation, including weekend, has been spending Meese, have been repeatedly more time each week in Washing- questioned about that weekend ton, sometimes leaving for home when Justice Department offi-

The flurry of activity strongly suggests that Walsh is putting the final touches on indictments soon yield criminal indictments against targets of his investiga-

> Charges are expected against ex-National Security Adviser John Poindexter, former Nation-al Security Council (NSC) aide Lt. Col. Oliver L. North and two arms dealers who hrokered the transactions: former Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord and his one-time partner, Albert

Walsh is expected to hring broad charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government through the diversion of profits from U.S. arms sales to Iran to the Nicaraguan rebels at a time when Congress banned direct U.S. military aid to the contras.

There could also be charges of was recalled for additional ques- obstruction of justice stemming tioning of a number of witnesses from the shredding of NSC documents by Poindexter and Nonh another sign that Walsh's staff of during a Nov. 22-23, 1986, inves-28 prosecutors is presenting the tigation of the arms sales by final pieces of evidence before Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

A number of people connected

cials found a memo that revealed

The destruction of documents in the White House as the Irancontra affair was unravelling was described in congressional testimony last year by North's secret-ary Fawn Hall, who is also cooperating with Walsh's inves-

The appointment of Stern, who huilt a crime-busting reputation as U.S. attorney in New Jersey by putting a number of politicians behind bars, is also evidence that charges are imminent.

Stern was hired to handle Walsh's response to challenges by Poindexter, North and others who were given limited immunity from prosecution for their congressional testimony last summer.

If indicted, North, Poindexter and makim are expected to the motions to dismiss the charges on way last spring, Walsh rushed a the ground that Walsh used evi- series of witnesses through the dence obtained from their congressional testimony that was under seal in federal court to given under so-called "use improve he obtained it indepenmunity."

The immunity conferred by Congress prevents a prosecutor from using the testimony of a particular witness, or any leads derived from it, as evidence against that individual.

But it doesn't prevent a pro-

secutor from obtaining evidence from an independent source to bring charges.

Walsh took great pains to insulate his staff from the televised hearings to avoid claims he used information. from immunised testimony to make his case.

Prosecutors also avoided ex-tensive news coverage of the hearings so they would not be 'tainted" by immunised testimony. In granting interviews, Walsh asked reporters to promise not to ask him questions that would reveal congressional testi-

Walsh spokesman James Wieghart carefully deletes references to congressional testimony from documents and newspaper clippings so that the prosecutors can read the material.

Before the hearing grand jury and filed evidence dently of the congressional investigation.

Nonetheless, most of the targets of Walsh's investigation are expected to challenge the notion that he huilt a wall to isolate his staff from the congressional testimony.

1 dies, another missing as dhow sinks in Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A dhow laden with construction material capsized in choppy seas in the southern Gulf before dawn Sunday, and a French warship rescued five of its seven-member Asian crew, shipping executives reported.

The warship, a minehunter caled the Andromeda, used its inflatable dinghies to pluck the five survivors, and the body of one of their companions. But the seventh crewmember remained missing, said the sources who spoke on condition they not be

The crew members were identified as Indians and Bengalis hut it was not immediately known which of the seven had been lost, said the sources. The survivors and the body were taken aboard the Andromeda and would be Dhabi, they said.

The dhow, the Gulf's traditional lateen-rigged sailing vessel, was laden with 400 tons of dehydrated lime destined for the central Gulf island state of Bahrain. The vessel itself was also iden-

tified as the Bahrain-flagged Jihad, owned by a company on the island called Prosperity Trading. The incident occurred about

130 kilometres west of Dubai, when a British tanker called the Tokyo Bridge first sighted the capsized vessel and spread out an SOS for help, said the sources. A French warship close to the location given by the tanker re-sponded to the call and it found

the survivors clinging to the capsized boat, probably about two hours after the incident, said the sonrces. One source said the dhow later

later taken to the emirate of Ahu sunk, but this has yet to be

Sudanese complain over out-of-date drug donations

LONDON (R) — Three Sudan for lack of proper inspection. plained that international relief organisations sent them banned when Sudan was suffering from

"Donors cannot be expected to know our priorities and needs for or out-of-date drugs at a time drugs or what products are reg-

isterable in Sudan - but how do severe drought.

In a letter published in the British medical journal Lancet Saturday, they said donors were guilty of "drug dumping" but blamed local health authorities in siterable in Sudan — but how do they justify giving us expired drugs or products banned almost worldwide," the doctors from the University of Khartoum and Khartoum Teaching Hospital said.

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⇒ Book exhibition at Arabian Club. Irbid (runs through March 171 Irom 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

* "Filth Caricature Exhibition." works of the late Naji Al Ali al Hussein Camp Youth Activities Cen-

à Lecture (in Arabic) by Prof. Dr.

WHAT'S GOING ON

⇒ An art exhibition by Osama Zawaideh at the Goethe Institute (un-til March 71.

★ The 55th paintings exhibition at the British Council (until March 9).

⇒ Plastic art exhibition, by the Yar-mouk University Orawing Club at Britth Course.

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Stefan Wild - "Translation of Arabic Literature into German" 4:00 p.m. at

An exhibition entitled "From Gothenberg to Electronics" at Goethe Institute (runs through March 8).

An exhibition by Mahmoud Taha at Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts (runs through 14/3/1988).

VIDEOS

LECTURES

Yarmouk University.

"Health Policy in Jordan" by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh, 10 a.m. at Yarmoux University.

FEATURE FILM

SERVICE CLUBS

* The Colour of Money at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

The American Lions Chib. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Chib. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the America Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Chib. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Chib. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m. e m. Royal Antomobile Club. Jahal Am-man. Eighth Circle Tel. 810534 817534.

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Italian lira	27.1	27.5
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CHILD CARE: The Health Ministry has decided to set up mother and child care centres in the villages of Bushra, Dukra and Suham in the Irbid Governorate.

COMPETITION: A reading competition for school children will open in Jerash Monday and the competitors will come from Irbid, Northern Jordan Valley region, Bani Kinaneh, Ajloun, Mafraq, Ramtha, Qoura and Jerash, according to Department of Education officials. They said at least eight competitors from each district will participate.

MEDICAL CHIEF: Director of the Royal Medical Services Lt.-Gen. Dawond Hanania, who is also director of the National Medical Institution, Sunday inspected Jerash Government Hospital and Hussein Hospital in Salt, where he was briefed on the services offered to citizens.

CANADIAN ENVOY: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimr Sunday reviewed means of developing hilateral relations with Canadian Ambassador to Jordan Michael Bill.

SHOPS CLOSED: Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Amin, who is also chairman of the Public Security Committee, said Sunday the committee has closed a number of shops in Wihdat, Jahal Hussein, Jabal Al Nasr and has warned five others for violating the public safety and health laws. JAIL TERM: The military governor has endorsed the military court verdict, sentencing Samir Abdullah Hassan Kamel to two years in prison and a fine of JD

300 for dealing with hashish."

TARAWNEH: Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director Lieutenant General Khaled Tarawneh Sunday inspected work. on a new civil defence centre at the Balqa governorate, and was briefed on the progress of work. He was told that the local department is currently holding three courses to orient teachers in the Jordan Valley region on civil de-fence work. Tarawneh visited civil defence centres in South Shuneh and Deir Alla and urged officers to be ready to offer whatever emergency assistance needed by the public in their

HORN BLOWERS: Police patrols have been instructed to apprehend drivers of roving vehicles that blow their horn trying to attract attention of households wishing to buy gas cylinders, Amman Police Director Yousef Gharibeh said. He was speaking at a meeting with the owners of gas cylinder stores with whom he discussed the process of selling gas cylinders and the security and regulations pertaining to this pro-cess. He said that blowing horns to attract bnyers' attention has been causing nuisance to the public, and the peddlers have been violating the law and traffic reg-

COOPERATION: Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan Sunday discussed scientific and cultural cooperation between the university and the Kuwaiti scientific institutions with Kuwaiti embassy's Cultural Attache Yousef Khreibet.

ISLAMIC BOOKS: Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan Monday opened an exhibition of Islamic books at the miversity's Centre for Islamic Studies. On display at the 10-day exhibition are collections of historical, literary, and religious books besides books for children.

212 COURSES: Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) bas drawn up a training plan for 1988 which entails holding 212 training courses. The courses deal with administration, financial, analysis, computer and technical fields.

ILO CHIEF: International Labour Organisation Director General Francis Blanchard is due here on April 13 on a four-day visit to Jordan during which he will have talks with Jordanian officials on promoting and bolstering cooperation between Jordan and the ILO.



The Spanish parliamentary delegation Sunday visits the Baqaa Refugee Camp (Petra photo)

Rifai lauds Jordanian-Spanish ties

lauded Jordanian-Spanish relations and said that the current visit to Jordan by a Spanish parliamentary delegation, is bound to further consolidate these relations and enhance ties of friendship between the people of both countries.

The prime minister was speaking at a meeting with the Spanish parliamentary delegation, led by Parliament Speaker Felix Pons, with whom he reviewed the development of bilateral relations under the guidance of Their Majesties King Hussein and King

Juan Carlos of Spain. "Jordanian-Spanish relations date back to the time of the late King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, founder of the Kingdom in the early 1950s, and since then these relations have been growing and flourishing," Rifai said.

For his part Pons said hilateral relations were based on mutual respect and close cooperation in all fields.

The meeting, held at the prime minister's office at the parliament huilding, was attended by Spanish Amhassador to Jordan Ramon Armengod.

Lawzi meets Spanish MPs Earlier Sunday, Pons and his

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime delegation were received by the Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi, with whom they reviewed the situation in the Middle East in general and the Israeli-held Arab territories in particular.

> Pons said that his visit to Jordan is aimed at further bolstering Jordanian-Spanish relations, and obtaining close hand information about the situation in the region. He said Jordanian officials

gave him a full picture of the situation in the Middle East, especially on matters related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Spain realises the unique role which Jordan plays towards the achievement of a lasting peace, and it absolutely supports King Hussein in his current efforts to convene a U.N.-sponsored international conference, that can find a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestine problem," Pons said.

"Spain which is a Mediterranean country is directly affected by the development and events in this region, and feels that instability is bound to adversely affect all countries around the Mediterranean," Pons said. "For this reason, Spain will work within the European Community to support all efforts to achieve security and stability in this region.'

role in supporting the peace pro-He also said that Jordan and Spain ought to cooperate in parliamentary affairs and in promoting the cause of world peace. Visit bo Baqaa camp

After the meeting, the Spanish delegation visited the Baqaa Refugee Camp and heard a briefing on services offered to the refugees by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and Jordan. The delegation toured parts of

Pons told Lawzi that his coun-

try remains neutral in the Gulf

war and does not support any

party against another, but it pur-

sues efforts on the international

level to end this war by im-

plementing the U.N. Security

stand with regard to a lasting

settlement in the Middle East,

based on U.N. Security Council

Resolutions 242 and 338, and said

the ongoing uprising by the Palestinian people in the occu-

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mit meeting has endorsed the

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and help the Palestinian people

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que position within the European

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Lawzi said Spain holds a uni-

He said that the Amman sum-

Lawzi reiterated Jordan's firm

Council Resolution 598.

the camp and looked into the living conditions of its residents, and the health and educational services offered to them. They were accompanied on the tour hy U.N. officials from UN-

RWA and the Ministry of Occu-Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday receives Spanish parliamentary pied Territories Affairs.

Jordan to submit draft resolution on occupied territories at ALO meeting

delegation at the parliament building in Amman (Petra photo)

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's delegation to the Baghdad meeting of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO), will submit a draft resolution on the protection of Atab workers and employers in the occupied Arah territories. according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development here

Once the draft resolution is adopted it will be taken to the International Labour Organisa-

IPA director returns from Cairo conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Institute of Public Administration (IPA) Director Abdullah Ulayyan returned to Amman Saturday from Cairo, after taking part in the second conference on administrative development in the Arab

Ulayyan said he presented a working paper to the conference. featuring his department's activities, especially training of personnel for various government departments, and seminars for leading employees filling higher posi-

Ulayyan signed documents for the establishment of an Arab society of experts on administrative development, which will open a branch in Amman early

Ulayyan held contacts with different delegates taking part in the meetings, to discuss their countries' cooperation with Jordan in manpower development - tion's (ILO) meeting which will sawneh, emphasised the import-be convened in Geneva in June, ance of Jordan's participation in according to the statement. the coming meeting and its sub-

The statement was issued after committees' activities. a meeting held at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, The agenda of the Baghdad meeting was reviewed at the a meeting held at the Ministry of to discuss subjects to be taken up

hy the Baghdad conference.

meeting which was attended by representatives of the govern-The meeting, chaired by ministry Secretary General Saleh Khaphoyers.

2 contracts signed with **European tour operators**

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Cooperation between the private and public sector in marketing tourism in Jordan will show its positive results during this month, as a result of contracts signed between Jordan and major international tour operators at an international fair for tour operators and hotels, beld in Milan, Italy, in February. According to the terms of the

contracts, signed with an Italian tour agency and a German University, the tour operators will guarantee a steady flow of tourists to Jordan throughout the year, said Faisal Abu Nuwar of the Holiday Inn hotels.

Abu Nuwar told the Jordan Times that all participants from Jordan at this fair worked as "one-team" and the image they gave of Jordan will soon reflect on the national income.

Ahn Nuwar, who is the sales and marketing director at the Amman and Aqaba Holiday Inn hotels, said: "We wanted to sell Jordan, market it, but not only during the high season. We promised to assist the tour operators in and public administration work. making reservations during the

high seasons, on the condition that they would market special tour to Jordan all year round."

"We drew up new marketing strategy for Jordan," he said. Abu Nuwar explained that during the high season — Christmas, New Year and Easter — Jordan has a sufficient flow of visitors, hut it was during the rest of the year, especially during the period from June till October when the Kingdom needed extra

According to Ahu Nuwar, guaranteeing a steady flow of tourists all year round, would bring in more husiness, and consequently more money, thus eventually reflecting positively on Jordan's national income.

Other participants at the Jordanian booth in the Milan fair included Mr. Rafiq Al Laham, de-puty under-secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, as well as the Director of Royal Jordanian

All the participants held meetings with many tour operators, which resulted in the signing of contracts with the Siesta Viaggi Group of Italy and the Friedrich Alexander University of Ger-

Senate approves amendment to Tourism Law after debate

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An amendment to the Tourism Law was passed by the Upper House of Parliament (Senate) Sunday after a long debate by several Senate members, who upheld that some articles in the amendment law defeated their purpose and need not be included.

Senator Mudar Badran and Senator Ahmad Tarawneh registered reservations on article four of the amendment law, because they felt that the said article collided with the stipulated pre-rogatives and laws of the Council of Higher Education.

Article four of the amendment law calls for the establishment of colleges specialised in tourismrelated studies in accordance to the regulations of the Higher Education Law.

Tarawneh said creating new colleges should always remain a decision of the Higher Education Committee, and that the Ministry of Tourism can apply for a licence for a specialised college like any other party which has to go through the same process.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai told the Senate that article four is in fact in accordance with regulations of the Higher Education Council because of the last part of the article which specifically calls for the approval of the project "according to the regulations of the Higher Education Law.'

Rifai explained that "the Ministry of Tourism has to approach the Higher Education Council to gain approval for the establishment of a specialised col-

Badran, who also expressed reservation on the same article, told the Senate that he agreed with Rifai's explanation and it is on that same basis that he has placed his reservation.

Badran said: "If this article calls for acquiring the approval of the Higher Education Council, then it should not be in the law, because according to the Higher Education Law, the Ministry of Tourism bas to ask for approval from the council for establishing a specialised college anyway.'

Senator Walid Salah, noted that "article four is included in this law, as it should be, because it points out the specialisations of the Ministry of Tourism, and it should be read as such."

Senator Hassan Al Kayed, in agreement with the prime minister and Salah, said that article four of the amendment law is

"This article encourages cooperation and coordination between the two ministries," Kayed said. Article 13 Part C of the Tour-

ism Law was changed by the

Senate Legal Committee drawing criticism from Salah. The original article as presented by the Lower House of Parliament stipulated that funds allocated for marketing, promoting and training will not be exempted from the income tax unless the minister of tourism certi-

spent for these purposes. The proposed correction, which was later approved, changed the wording of the article hy changing "allocated funds" to "expenses" and "exempted" to "deductable."

fies that these funds were actually

Salah called upon the Senate to disregard the changes, describing them as 'not fitting and useless," and to approve the Tourism Amendment Law in its entirety as originally presented to the Senate by the Lower House of Parlia-

The amendment to the Tourism Law was referred hack to the Lower House of Parliament for approval after changes were made by the Senate Legal Committee and approved by the

The Senate also discussed the

not infringe on the privileges of the Ministry of Higher Educathe Council of Higher Educa to the minister of higher ed

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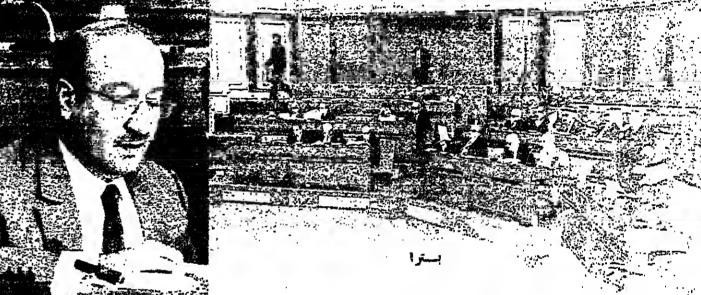
minister in upkeeping a ste-financial and moral support the council.' Rifai, stressed his responsi ity for all ministries under jurisdiction, adding that this sponsibility is carried out by orime minister equally with eaning more towards council:

committees on which he presid Rifai voiced his feeling that work of the Council of Hig Education will move me smoothly under the supervis of the minister of higher edu tion, because the prime minis was not able to allocate the ti necessary for this task, someting resulting in delays awaiting opinion on important matter

The amendment law w approved by the Senate. The rapporteur of the Sen Legal Committee, present three other laws for approva!

the Senate members. The Senate approved amen ment law to the Agricultural C

dit Corporation Law, amendme to the Peace Courts Law a Civil Courts Regulations Law



Princess Basma visits Aqaba youth club

AQABA (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Sunday visited Agaba where she inspected the Agaha Youth Club, and discussed with its board members the club's activities and programmes.

The club's president, Jamal Kabariti, told Princess Basma that plans have been made for setting up new premises for the club on a three and a half dunums of land, offered by the Agaba Region Authority (ARA).
The club, he said, offers

numerous social activities and services to the local inhabitants in addition to organising sports programmes.

Princess Basma who is president of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) examined plans for the new project and the land on which it will be set up. Later Princess Basma visited

Al Thaghr Charitable Society, which cares for the mentally retarded children aged between five and 14, and met with the board of directors in charge of the society and its centre.

Society President Ahmad Sab-hah told the Princess that 250 children had been registered, but that only 34 can benefit from the centre's facilities. In addition, the society offers

social guidance to the mothers of these handicapped children, and at least 50 mothers are regular beneficiaries of the society's programmes. Princess Basma consented to

be the society's honorary president, and announced a contribution of JD 1,300, which is the total amount of the annual rent paid by the society.

She also expressed readiness to try to meet the needs of this society through the OAF.

Princess Basma was accompanied on the tour by Aqaba District Governor Qaftan Al Majali and other local officials. ...

50 tourists saved from floods

AMMAN (J.T.) — Civil Defence authorities have saved 50 foreign tourists from floods that hit the Wadi Mousa region near the Nahatean city of Petra, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily

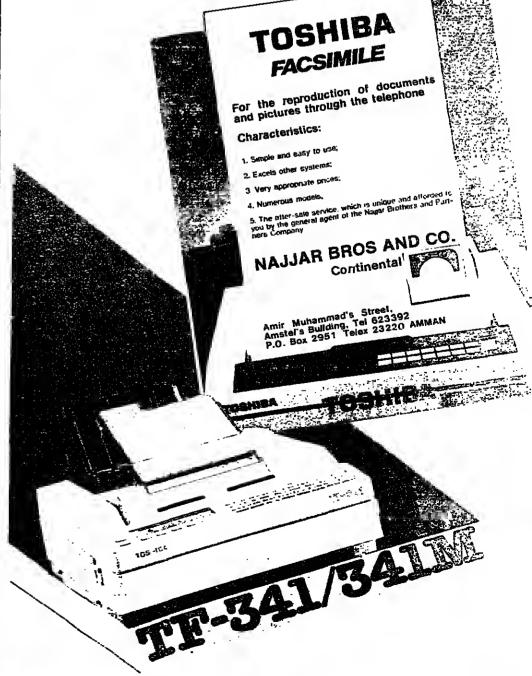
The paper quoted sources from that at least one personate police and civil defence authorities as saying that army heli-copters were called in to rescue the tourists who had been to the in a number of regions and we

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dents and accidents in the over the previous 48 hours sa that at least one person die.

It also said eight fires broke o extinguished with the help of cidefence firemen.

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An encouraging trend

PERHAPS the most interesting and important part of J.S. Secretary of State George Shultz' recent shuttle mission in the Middle East was the shuttle-within-achattle, which saw him holding separate meetings with the two leaders of the Israeli government coalition cartners, Likud head Yitzhak Shamir and Labour leader Elimon Peres. The point which this highlights is that there is no clear Israeli vision of how peace is to be negotiated, or of the final shape of a negotiated Arabistracil peace. The worrying aspect of this is that the dilited States seems to be making proposals to the Arabs that must conform to dictates established by domestic constraints within Israel — that is, we are being asked to only ball within ground rules set by the reality of Israeli politics. All in all, this would not appear to be the most promising way to put together a package of peace proposals that would strike a balance between Arab and israeli demands.

Nevertheless, there is merit in the fact that the United States is trying to work out a negotiating formula that satisfies the minimal demands of all concerned parties and also that it is doing so in consultation with the Soviet Union. The United States has learned some important lessons since it last tried to mediate an Arab-Israeli peace some two years ago. No longer is Syria ostracised as the ead boy of the Holy Land. No longer is the Soviet Union seen as the spoiler of the world. And no longer is the United States rejecting the proposal of an international peace conference as an altogether worthless idea. These are positive elements, which indicate maturity, rationality and a capacity for change and compromise in the

American position. This is the trend that we in Jordan have always sought to nudge forward, and it is important for all the Arabs to recognise the limited changes that have taken place in the american position. But much remains to be done, and we have a way to go before the Americans can be seen as genuinely impartial mediators in the Middle East. It would appear sensible for the Arab parties not to dismiss he American proposals outright, but to keep pushing the

Americans to clarify the Israeli position.

arabic press editorials

Al Rall: On the helm of Arab efforts

WITH the return of His Mujesty King Hussein to Amman, the Arab idation's efforts towards winning more support for the international conference on the Middle East is bound to gain momentum. The . Ing has oven touring European countries scaling this conference to establish genuine peace based on the exchange of land for peace, and his endeasour is now bound to be corroborated through Jordan's printinged forfacts with Arab leaders. This step is essential because this nation cannot achieve any of its objectives without concerted effects and unified action. Needless to say that Jordan has been keen on formulating a strong and united Arab position vis-a-vis the chailenges posed to the Arabs and also with regard to the various initiatives seeking to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. For this reason, fordan has been careful to reject all partial solutions and bilateral treaties with Israel, because they do not achieve the aspired Arab quals, and has instead been seeking a comprehensive settlement and tasting peace based on total Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory. and the recognition of the Pulestinian people's rights in their own comeland. The King's efforts and his talks with European leaders furing the latest tour and his talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz were part of Jordan's endeavours to regain usurped that hand and rights.

... I Dustour: Uprising asserts people's rights

THE aprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab land has asserted itself as a fact and imposed itself on the Israelis who seem incomple of stifling the spirit of resistance and imposing their will on the Arab people any more. Whether Israel or the United States admit it or not all future policies and ideas for solutions of the Middle East conflict will have to be based on this bright fact. This blessed aprising his opened the eyes of the world and aroused the slumbering conscience of many world nations, drawing everyone's attention to the rights of the oppressed people, suffering for long from Israel's atricities and human rights violations. This uprising will no doubt greatly influence the coming israel, parliamentary elections and will Effect all future Israeli policies and plans. As the uprising is now completing its third month, we believe that the Palestinians are more differmined than ever nervice to maintain the struggle for regaining mel rights and melt hards despite the heavy secrifice, and the hardships encountered in the course of achieving their national goal.

Saut Al Shaab; Self-defence

IRAO has sent a message to the U.N. secretary general reasserting its right to confront fran's continued atrocities and crimes committed ogainst the Iraqi people. Iraq has displayed self-restraint on numerous occasions and in the lace of many franian provocations. standing firm and defending its people with homour. But this Iraqi officede has been disregarded and more franian acts of aggression continued to be committed against this Arab country. These Iranian coops have proposed from to retail at and escalate the war of cities. the Iranian rockets were instrumental in toreing Iraa to shell Iranian crites; and Iran's disregard to U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 which calls for an end to the conflict, has prempted frag to take the untimive and force the Tehran rulers to respond to the call of reason and to respect the will of the international community. Iraq has abided by 5 1982 agreement which ended the war of the cities between live and free, but has been forced to retaliste and tire to Novembra and a classic self-defence.

Talking at grass roots level

By Waleed Sadi

IF the principle of negotiations between the Arab parties and Israel has become as it seems a foregone conclusion and all that remains outstanding is the format of any such negotiations, then the issue of whether such negotiations should be conducted on a direct or indirect basis becomes a moot issue. This is not to suggest that the Arab side should forego all other options available to it to attain its rights, but rather to cut down to size the difference between direct and indirect negotiations. To be sure negotiations per se have never been a substitute to the principal instruments of policy for any state but rather a culmination of all such efforts which normally include political, military and economic pressures. But it appears that the Arab side has concluded that it has exhausted all the other options available to it in the conflict with Israel and has decided that time is now propitious for negotiations.

The specific point that I would like to submit here and oow is that if, repeat, if, negotiations with Israe! offer the only correct path. available to us whether we envision them to be under the aegis of the United Nations Security Council or otherwise, then why not start this process of oegotiations oo a piccemeat basis and step by step basis beginning with negonations on non-governmental levels rather than start them off directly on governmental levels. The purpose and objective of any such non-governmental negotiations would be to discern, detect and gauge the grass roots support that the negotiations between the two sides do in fact enjoy. Such non-governmental negotiations or rather dialogue could also

measure and determine the basis and purview of any eventual state-state negotiations between the two sides. Surely such initial non-governmental dialogue or exchange of views and meeting would also serve as a testing ground for any future negotiations between the Arabs and Israel.

In this context one would venture to propose the start of any such non-governmental contacts by the intelligentsia of the two sides. University professors on both sides of the fence can start this process by entertaining exchange visits by their respective professors or other learned people from centres or institutions of higher learning and research with a view to address the academia sector of each other. One would expect that people equipped with high education can better articulate and formulate policies and guidelines for any future negotiations that could ensue at the end of the line of the proposed preparatory process. Such contacts on the intellectual level could be followed by cootacts on other levels including the press, labour unions and representatives of other

The reason I am proposing such a step by step methodotogy is because it has proved its viability and usefulness in the past in other regions of the world. In fact the evolution of relations between many countries which have been locked up in durable conflicts had indeed went through such a process which served to lay the ground

work for futuristic governmental contacts and negotiations. A good place to start this process would be in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip where people there have already engaged themselves in considerable contacts with on more than one levet. Yet most if not all such contacts were of the kind that could not advance the public wheel of either side in view of their highly iodividualistic character and lack of any effort to institutionalise and guide such contacts. Never has a Palestinian professor, for example, been invited to address the student body of an Israeli university. Yet one notices that Palestinian visits to various centres of Israel be they clubs or amusement parks have been frequent and without any outcries against them by anybody. To be more specific, the Israeli restaurants on Lake Tiberias in the summer were normally full on Fridays with Arabs celebrating their sabath day. Instead of such contacts at this stage, one would propose contacts of other more meaningful kinds which could deepen the understanding of each others perspectives and aspirations and I am not suggesting that institutionalised non-governmental contacts be a one way street. Of course one would encourage similar visits by the other side to places of higher educations on the Arab side in the occupied territories to be followed by visits by other spokesmen of other Israeli private

Through such exchange of views on the levels of those who are in best situation and position to reflect and gange public opinion can the two sides hope to arrive at an opportune time to engage in formal negotiations in a format that they can agree on.

Palestinians want to be masters of their own lives

By Walid Awad

ANYONE observing the events possibilities of finding acceptable alone anything elsc. — Discipline and early December 1987 will realise the degree of confusion in the Israeli establishment, confusion characterised by the ad hoc measures that were adopted to quell

The sheer strength of the uprising and the momentum it acquired have surprised Israel and the world. World opinion in geoeral and world Jewish opinion in particular felt that the actions of the occupation authorities were immoral and should be stopned. Israel's image in the "Free World" began to be tarnished and the country's creoibility has been cailed into question.

Meanwhile, sophisticated Israelis cannot remain passive, as we Palesnnians know very well. The intellectuals have made their feelings known.

The groups on the right of the close ranks and take more extreme measures. The leftists bedirection.

The political centre, encompassing both sections of Labour and be a constant flow of people who

While most of this movement remains theoretical, the reality on

the ground is different. Deputy Chief of General Staff Ehuo Barak in a briefing to the press recently, agreed that there is an uprising in the territories. "A few hundred, possibly a few thousand, Palestinian activists are behind this uprising, with the support and the cooperation of the masses," be said.

As a Palestinian living in this iand, and through my discussions with older people, I would like to offer my opinion and impressions as to the best way to deal with the eprising, and try to put things into a Palestinian perspective.

- The Palestinian people. through their uprising, have shown that they have had enough. The message to Israel and the rest of the world bas been resounding. Israeli political spectrum, be-cause of the uncertainty about subside, the cry has been loud their future, started to shake, and clear and the world has acknowledged it.

- The Palestinian people are cause of their convictions and in the process of adjusting to their traditional stand, are now living on a subsistence economy, must be capitalised upon. moving. I believe, in the right and are oow preparing themselves for the "worst."

Likud, has started to explore are willing to defy death, let

- Discipline and cooperation among Palestinians is increasing.

To make the picture complete, we Palestinians are fully aware of the might of the Israeli armed forces and other Jewish and Israeli institutions. We are also fully aware of the apprebensions of Israel and the Israeli people. We know that they are very suspicious. This suspicion, we believe, is due to the nature of the Jewish people's not-so-distant experience in Nazi Germany and the horrors of the Holocaust.

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Paradoxically, their suffering has led to a complete denial of

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as a human being must remain

sacred and preserved. Otherwise,

we may as well not be humans.

because the Jews, of all people,

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These values and principles

"Only a Palestinian state can give us what we want, a state not replacing Israel but a state next to Israel. The Palestinian national charter is not the holiest of books, beyond modification. Neither is Shamir's biblical mentality. What is needed now are people with vision on both sides to realise what is at stake."

However, Israelis should by now have learned something about us Palestinians. After all, we have coexisted together for 20 years and I believe this coexistence

In spite of all the suffering we Palestinians are enduring, many - There is apparently going to of us are longing for a peaceful Palestinian, I have always felt

Palestinians' legitimate rights, to the degree that we are referred to on occasions as mere inhabitants, a trivial minority only worthy of carrying out the lowest types of jobs under the worst possible

conditions. from a human perspective, can-replacing Israel but a state next to ly to the betterment of our lives outcome to this uprising. As a not be allowed to continue, the Israel. The Palestinian national and to the prosperity of the whole

that in spite of the suffering and ing for human values and princifreedom and democracy, stands there complacently, ignoring the to realise what is at stake. longing for freedom by the Palestinian people.

have given me the strength to maintain my belief that one day To the people of Israel, whatever the colour of their politics, soon this occupation will cease, the uprising is sbouting: should be incapable of inflicting

We want our people to work in Palestinian factories, our labourers to build our own homes, and no longer be classified as cheap labour. We want the freedom of passage, to travel without being subjected to humiliating searches. We want to pay our taxes for the benefit of our people.

We want to be able to see, meet and talk to our brothers and sisters and families without having to queue for days, waiting and begging for permission which more often than not does not materialise.

We want control of our land, results. skies, water, electricity and natuwant our Palestinian identity. Aren't these the things that Israelis have?

Only a Palestinian state can As this state of affairs, even give us what we want, a state not right, can contribute tremendous-

books, beyond modification. ples, while at the same time, the Neither is Shamir's biblical men-U.S., the supposed bastion of tality. What is needed now are people with vision on both sides

Israel should allow the U.S. to begin a dialogue with the PLO, as only the PLO has the mandate to carry out meaningful negotiations that will achieve lasting peace.

We Palestinians of the West Bank have the extra responsibility of encouraging the peace process to start, by virtue of our experience in dealing with, and knowing fairly well (moderate) Israeli fears and aspirations. Selected Palestinian representatives from the territories, known to all concerned, should make up the majority of a Palestinian negotiating feam, together with representatives chosen by the Palestinian's legislature, the PNC. and its executive. the PLO. This is the only conceivable team capable of producing the desired.

Those Israelis concerned with ral resources. What's more, we peace, based on human dignity and freedom, should respond with vigour to our call for independence, as both our peoples taken as equals in our legitimate uprising has materialised, stand- charter is not the boliest of area - The Jerusalem Post.

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Palestinians observe defiant 'Flag Day' in West Bank and Gaza

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injured. Most of those hurt were hit by stones.

The army said soldiers wounded three Palestinians in protests. while Arab reports put the number at eight and said an additional two Arabs were shot and wounded overnight.

Palestinians said soldiers shot dead Khaled Al Ardah, 17, when they fired live ammunition to disperse protest, is at Askar refugee camp.

Hadassan hospital said Ardah died after being supt in the head. In Mazra Al Sharquiyeb village, near Ramaliah, troops shot i8-year-old Ayman Salim Ajak. who died later in hospital. Palestinian and hospital sources

They said another Palestinian and called on Palestinians to diswas injured by army gunfire during violent protests in the village. The army said Ardah was fatal-

ly shot after shots were fired at

Soldiers were searching for a second Palestinian seen fleeing the scene. It marked only the second time Palestinians used

gans since the uprising began. The Palestine Press Service (PPS) reported soldiers shot dead a oonkey in Oalqilya with a Palestinian flag tied to its head A spokeswoman at Jerusalem's and an Israeli flag attached to the tail after they were unable to catch it. The agency said soldiers then burned the Palestinian flag.

A leaflet distributed by the National Committee for the Uprising last week said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLD) designated Sanday "Flag Day"

play the nationalist symbol banned by the Israelis. A PLO official told Dutch

radio Sunday PLO leader Yasser Arafat was personally directing the uprising by telephone. Afit Safieh, PLO representa-

tive in the Netherlands, said that Arafat was coordinating the protests through daily telephone contact with Palestinian leaders in

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the occupied territories. Arafat had directed that no fire

tions. Safieh said. In Gaza City, troops stormed Shifa Hospital and arrested three

Palestinians after protesters inside the compound threw stones. the army said. Hospital officials said one detainee was a 15-yearold boy with a broken right hand who was taken from his bed.

arms be used in the demonstrawere stopped by soldiers using army said.

tear-gas and rubber bullets, wit-nesses told the AP. The army said clamped a curfew on Shati. Shifa doctors staged a sit-io strike to protest the arrests inside

the hospital. Troops surrounded Ramaltah tsrael radio and settlers said.

Loudspeakers in nearby Shati hospital in the West Bank for refugee camp called for help, and several hours after protesters hundreds started marching to- standing on the roof threw stones wards the hospital before they and a firebomb at soldiers, the

> Jewish settlers slashed tyres and broke windshields on about 100 Arab-owned cars over the weekend in Bethlehem, nearby Hebron and Arab Jerusalem,

Iraq, Iran keep up strikes

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TASS reports assault

in Moscow, the TASS news agency said rioting tranians attacked the Soviet embassy in Tehran Sunday, using stones and incendiary devices in an assault which threatened the lives of

embassy staff. TASS said a similar attack was staged against the Soviet consulate in Islahan, to did not specify whether there were any casualties, but said order was being restored late in the day.

TASS said the attacks had been preceded by "insugatory reports in the Irantan press blaming Moscow for the current wave of Iraqi missile attacks on Tehran.

"On March 6, a crowd of rioting elements attempted to break into the territory of the Soviet, embassy in Februar," TASS said.

"The raiders threw rocks at the embassy and used incendiary devices. The lives of embassy staff and their families came under threat. Hostile activities also took place in connection with the Soviet general consulate in

TASS said Iranian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow Majid Ghahremani had been summoned to the Sovict Foreign Ministry and was handed a protest which he pledged to convey to Tehran.

"This situation is causing senous concern among the Soviet leadership." TASS said, citing the protest.

We consider the events at the wall of the Soviet embassy absoluteiv inadmissible, all the more so since the Iranian side was earlier informed of our apprehensions and had time to prevent the unlawful actions which took place."

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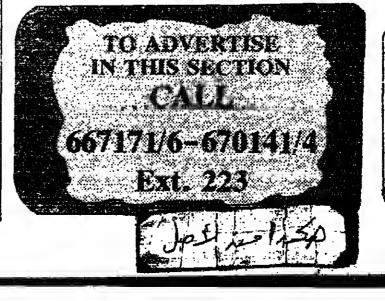
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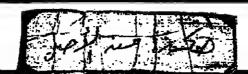
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A Palestinian woman chains herself to an electric pole at the Al Amari refugee camp near Ramallah in protest against the arrest of her husband who

was detained after joining three Italian politicians who previously chained themselves to the pole.

creased pressnre. Quds, a pro-

Palestinian radio station said to

operate from Damascus, has

broadcast the names of more than

100 policemen, city officials and

other Arah employees, deman-

ding they resign or risk attack. A

Informers are looked upon as a

separate breed. In many places

they are tolerated because they

are under Israeli protection. But

Residents of Qahatiyah say

Ayed boasted of his Shin Bet

connections and liked to show off

his Uzi submachine gun, a

weapon that he and a handful of

other collaborators were allowed

About six months ago, some-one tried to kill Ayed hy placing a

bomb in his car after midnight,

residents say. But he chased them

off with machine-gun fire. The

next morning, those allegedly re-

Demonstrators had marched

past Ayed's house for several

days last week, protesting the

impending visit to Israel of the U.S. secretary of state, George P.

Shultz. Residents could not say

exactly why the march of Feh. 24

ended in violence. Army officials

say they believe the attack was

premeditated retaliation hy the

Whatever its, origins, the attack

turned into a full-scale siege after

Ayed shot and killed the four-

year-old boy. "He killed first,"

said one witness. "After that, the

atmosphere was that this man

turn in their weapons there. Four

men did and are said to have

taken an oath on the Koran never

Residents say someone from

the mosque turned in the

weapons to the military gov-

ernor's headquarters in Jenin.

The army refused to comment on

this, hut military sonrces said that

incidents of collaborators turning

in their weapons and pledging not

to aid the Israelis had taken place

recently in at least two West

An army spokesman said the

siege of Ayed's house and his

killing took two hours, not five, as some witnesses said, and that

the army had not had enough

But the army quickly retali-

ated. Just after midnight the next

morning, residents say, dozens of soldiers poured into Qabatiyah,

rounding up young men and taking them to a school in town

where witnesses say many were

beaten. They say there were

hlood stains on the ground at the

school yard the next morning.

Electricity and phone lines into

town have been cut off ever since,

The most chilling message from the death of Ayed, said Ruben-

stein, is that Israel may no longer

be able to protect its vast network

of informers and collaborators.

He said that Ayed's death is one

more medication that in places like Qabatiyah, Israel is no longer in

control — Washington Post.

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Lynching chills those who aid the Israelis

By Glenn Frankel

QABATTYAH, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — Every time Palestinian demonstrators passed Mohammad Ayed's house on the main road through this town in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, they would chant, "Long Live Palestine, death to the traitor!" Sometimes Ayed could be seen peering uneasily through an upstairs window. -

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Then one day in late February something snapped. During a protest march here, youths threw rocks at the house and Ayed responded with a burst of machine-gun fire. A four-yearold boy was killed, a dozen more people were wounded, and the incensed crowd laid siege to the

When it was over, Mohammad Ayed was dead, his body hanging below a Palestinian flag on an electric pole at the town's central bus station. He was the first alleged collaborator to die since the Palestinian intifadah, or nprising, began three months ago and the first ever to be lynched.

His killing has sent a wave of fear through Palestinians who cooperate with Israel in its military occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and a wave of anger and remorse through the Israeli authorities who failed to.

save his life. Some believe that the death of Ayed may signal a new phase in which the oprising turns inward and Palestinians begin killing each other. But it may also be a sign of something equally impor-tant. The end of the old arrangements through which Israel has ruled the territories with the passive consent, and sometimes even active involvement, of its Arab

Residents say everyone in Qabatiyah knew Ayed was an informer under the protection of two operatives of the Shin Bet. the Israeli internal security service, who were assigned to oversee police matters in the town.

He and other known collaborators have long been part of the political and social landscape of the West Bank, as are the wellconnected Arah intermediaries who, for a fee, arrange huilding, travel and business permits for residents, and the local Arah police or the town officials who led Shin Bet men after midnight to the houses of those targeted for

Now there is fear that the old ines between "acceptable" collaboration and betrayal are hlurrmg and that Palestinians holding civilian jobs in the occupation administration and even moderates seeking political dialogue with Israel or the United States may find themselves lumped togehter with the Mohmmad

Ayeds.

It's all right to work for the civil administration, to be a teacher in government school, even to be a policeman," said Danny Rubenstein, an Israeli journalist who has long covered the West Bank. "You can't give information about people and yon can't sell-land to Israelis. But now-we might be heading into a new phase where the norms do not

apply anymore."

Qabatiyah remains under military closure. Soldiers stand at each road into town, barring residents. from leaving and visitors from en- men have also come under in-

tering. The army has arrested more than 100 residents and demolished the houses of two alleged ringleaders of the lynching, although there were no charges filed and no trial.

"Those responsible will be found and punished with full severity," Major General Amram Mitzna, the military commander of the West Bank, said in an interview with Israeli radio.

The smaller group that did the deed and incited the hundreds to

"For many Palestinians, life under occupation seems a constant series of bottlenecks. At each bottleneck stands a Shin Bet agent who has the power to say yes or no. Anyone who wants to buy land, or build an addition to his house, or start a business or travel abroad must have a permit or document. Often the price, residents say, is willingness to give in-

go out on the streets and to go wild, we'll deal with them, General Mitzna said, "and the town of Qabatiyah itself will be punished."

formation."

A few residents have slipped through the cordon, hiking over the rocky foothills that surround Qabatiyah. Over the weekend, a half dozen of them discussed Ayed and his grisly death. Much of what they had to say could not be independently confirmed. The army is disclosing few details about the incident and barring jour-

nalists from the area. Like many alleged collaborators, the residents said, Ayed was recruited by the Shin Bet while imprisoned in the late 1960s

for a security offence. For many Palestinians life under occupation seems a constant series of bottlenecks. At each bottleneck stands a Shin Bet agent who has the power to say yes or no. Anyone who wants to buy land, or huild an addition to his house, or start a business or travel abroad must have a permit or document. Often the price, residents say, is willingness to

give information. An estimated 120,000 West Bankers and Gazans travel to work in Israel each day. Some work in factories that make Israeli army uniforms and nightsticks. More than 16,000 work as school teachers, clerks and other office help in the military administration that runs the territories. All of these are deemed acceptable so long as they honour periodic strike calls.

Arah policemen are in another category. They are seen as fightmg common crime and most take pains not to get involved in security matters. They are seldom on the scene when protests break out. Nonetheless the pressure on them to resign has greatly increased in recent weeks.

Local mayors and city council-

Counselling the counsellor

What does a counsellor who is computer-illiterate and afraid of the man with the calculators do when promoted to a manager's job for which he is ill-prepared? He goes to a counselling centre for management, says Michael Skapinker.

LONDON — Shortly after his his tutor and the centre's prog-promotion to project leader of ramme manager. the Killingworth Family Centre, Noel O'Reilly knew he was in trouble. His staff was on the point of mutiny; be said little idea what his duties were; and details of his £80,000 (\$141,000) annual budget were a mystery to him.

O'Reilly, 37, was appointed two years ago to run the centre, on the outskirts of Newcastle, in north-eastern England. He had aiready spent three years there as a social worker. The centre, which provides help and counselling to local families and their children, is a joint project between the children's charity Dr. Barnardo's and North Tyneside

"There's a feeling that if you're reasonably good social worker you'll be a reasonably good manager," he says. "But as a manager, I didn't know what was expected of me."

What he needed, O'Reilly decided, was some management training. He asked Dr. Barnardo's if it knew of any courses. The organisation made some suggestions, none of which he regarded as suitable. Finally, after phoning around, he came across the Northern Regional Management Centre, hased in Washington, Tyne and Wear.

The centre, set up in 1980 under the auspices of Newcastle, Sunderland and Teesside polytechnics, aims to provide courses tailored to meet the needs of individual junior and middle managers. Managers who follow the centre's 12-month certificate in management studies carry on working while doing so, which was what O'Reilly needed. All the same, his first contact with the centre was not en-

"I met someone there who plonked me in front of a computer." he remembers. The idea was for him to complete a questionnaire which would enable the centre to diagnose his skills. "But I'm computer-illiterate. I felt the whole thing was a hit of a joke. Then I had a short interview, hut at the end of it I was no wiser about what my training needs

couraging.

Matters improved when he made contact with George Boak, ning system for annual budgets, I rooted principles.

O'Reilly began by working his way through a series of workbooks in basic management skills, such as how to manage people and how to manage money. Managers taking the centre's course work in their own time, submitting a series of assignments to

For O'Reilly, the benefits were immediate. One of his main problems had been the list of families waiting to use the centre. "I realised from the workbook that the reason we had a waiting list was that I wasn't managing it.

"I was not looking at the situa-tion and saying, This family's problems are resolved, they should now make space for someone else.' So in a sense I was creating my own problem."

O'Reilly began holding regular planning and monitoring which eventually eliminated his waiting

But it was the workbook on managing money which was "the high point of the course." Previously, when he had asked his superiors for more money he had been intimidated by "the men with the calculators.

'They would say 'Why do you want the money' and I would say I just feel I need it'." As a result of the course, "I got to grips with my fears about money.

Other assignments which O'Reilly did as part of his course included an attempt to describe the various components of his own joh and an examination of staff turnover throughout the

All of the assignments done on the course are aimed at helping managers develop their own skills and reach a clearer understanding of the needs of their organisa-

The centre also requires its students to agree to a set of 'management learning contracts" drawn up between the manager, the course tutor and the manager's employer.

The contracts set out some additional learning goals for the manager. Depending on what they and their organisation require, managers could, for example, undertake to set up a planimprove their public speaking or develop their interviewing skills.

Ideally, the employer should take an active part in helping to decide what goes into the contracts. O'Reilly's superior at Dr. Barnardo's had agreed to give him half a day off work every week to devote to the course, but was not particularly helpful when it came to drawing up his learning

In one of O'Reilly's contracts he undertook to improve his budgetary control skills. In another, he agreed to come up with ways to manage his time more efficiently.

Financial Times feature.

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Swedish live-in lovers considered married by law

By Eva Ahlberg Reuter

STOCKHOLM - A new Swedish law has given live-in lovers. whether heterosexual or homosexual, identical rights to couples married by church or

It is the latest move by the Swedish state, champion of liberal lifestyles and minority social groups, to recognise the legitimacy of relationships outside wed-

The "cohabitees law," which took effect on January 1, gives partners in such relationships equal rights over all property acquired for joint use - no matter who paid for it. The government is pressing the

poster campaign, featuring broken hearts and warning couples to "read the law before your love ends. "I don't know of any other country that has this kind of

message home in a nationwide

legislation," said Hans Jacobsson, an expert on family law with the justice ministry.
"It is a good law," said Egon,
35, a cohabitee of six years. "My

partner and I have built something just as important as a mar-ried couple and should have the same rights and ohligations if our relationship comes to an end."

Like many other Swedish con-ples, Egon and his common law wife Gun chose not to marry partly hecause living together would provide an easier way out and partly hecause of deep-

wedding day, we made as much a commitment to each other as any married couple when we decided to live together. But we don't believe we need the blessing of the church or society to make it work," Egon said.

He and Gun did not sign any agreement prior to moving in with each other but Egon said they would probably do so now 10 protect themselves

Widely accepted practice

Cohabitation bas been widely accepted in Sweden for several years. The Swedish word for cohabitee — sambo — is listed in Swedish dictionaries and Swedes introduce their sambo as casually as they would a wife or busband. There is no stigma attached to the

Jenny, 28, belongs to another group — the traditionalists who tend eventually to get married but live together in the interim.

"The new law won't change too much for my boyfriend and I hut if we were not planning a wedding, we would obviously have to write a cohabitee agreement on what belongs to whom and wbo bought what," she said.

Jenny has been living with Sverker in his inner city flat for a year. They recently acquired a new home together with the proceeds from the sale of his apart-

"I am going 10 pay him half of what the first apartment cost,"

Jenny said, adding that this had christened at the same time.

"Although we don't celebrate a already been agreed prior to the new law.

Were she not to pay and the relationship to end, Swedish law would now entitle her to half the apartment anyway -- as it was acquired for the use of both parties.

The partition rules could, however, be overridden by a written agreement. That way, the couple could just split up, take their things and go their separate

Norway, Denmark to follow

Homosexuals splitting up a marriage-like relationship also have to follow the rules governing the division of property. "This has made homosexuals

more equal to heterosexuals, said justice ministry official Severin Blomstrand, adding that similar legislation was under consideration in Norway and De-But he said homosexuals were

still not completely happy. "They still feel discriminated against because they were denied the right to marry and adopt children."

Although live-in lovers are widely regarded as a family unit in Sweden, marriage is still the most common form of cohabitation. But Swedish couples tend to take their vows later in life and often only when they have chil-

Newspaper photographs often show couples getting married in church and having their children

Israeli ministers clash

(Continued from page 1)

families of some of those Ayed March 14.

> of Likud insisted Peres did not have enough support in the government to force a decision in the inner cahinet, which was due to dehate the Shultz plan Wednesday.

"Labour does not have the The crowd knew that Mohampower to force such a decision. In mad Ayed was not the only colthe cabinet, most of the members laborator in Qabatiyah. Soon afsupport the position of the prime ter his death, residents say, someminister and not that of Minister one braodcast a call from the local mosque for the others to

Thirty U.S. senators, including some of Israel's strongest supporters, wrote to Shultz saying Likud may be obstructing Middle East peace efforts, the New York

"I won't be able to accept Mr. Shamir's stance... that the rescue will come from some other place,

fended the prime minister's silence on the U.S. proposal.
"If we arrive at the table hav-

ing already accepted everything and Jordan still has demands, the negotiations will be between the Shultz suggestions and Jordan's demands," Milo told reporters.

"Anyone concerned about getting the maximum results from negotiations must exercise restraint," he said.

lock hut their parties have yet to agree on a date for the poll. Israelis are scheduled to vote in November. A recent opinion poll showed they remained evenly divided between Liknd and Labour. The two factions formed a coalition after inconclusive elec-



Labour Minister Moshe Katsav

Peres," he said.

Times reported (see page 2).

Immigration Minister Yaacov

Tsur of the Labour Party said Shamir was remaining silent in the expectation that other wouldbe participants in peace talks would quash the U.S. proposals.

that maybe the Russians won't accept, maybe the Jordanians won't accept," be said. Shamir's aide Ronnie Milo de-

Both Shamir and Peres have raised the prospect of early elec-

tions over the government dead-

tions in July 1984.



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Napoli suffers 2nd defeat in one week

ROME (R) — Italian champions Napoli suffered their second home defeat in a week when they lost 2-1 to a resurgent Roma Sunday but closest rivals AC Milan failed to make the most of the League upset, being held 0-0 at bome by Verona.

Napoli, beaten 3-2 by Torino in the mid-week quarter-finals of the Italian Cup. failed to find their usual well-oiled rhythm despite the exhortations of Argentine World Cup captain Diego

Napoli's defeat reduced their lead over AC Milan to four points while Roma closed up in third

But when it comes to soccer, the

answer is one division - the

Although the mind may run

not with images of the Vatican City Cardinals taking on the

"Clerics XI." the reality is some-

what more mundane with harely

Vatican Osservatore Romano newspaper defend their 1987

league title against seven other

teams, including the prosaically named "Car-Park," "Peter and Paul Association," Technical

Services" and "Post Office."
While Argentine World Cup

sway in Italy with league cham-

pions Napoli, alongside a host of

other highly-paid European and

Latin American stars, the tiny

Vatican City makes do with

And while wealthy Italian clubs

fight over how many foreign play-

ers to field — the number was

raised to three per team in Febru-

ary - the Vatican League avoids

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amateurs, mainly from Rome.

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a priest or prelate in sight.

humble Vatican League.

place with 29 points, two adrift of Milan. Sampdoria, who beat Pescara 2-1, were fourth with 26.

Giuseppe Giannini silenced the 75,000 Napoli fans with a calmlyexecuted goal in the 21st minute after the home defence bad been caught napping by a break Maradona's 31-year-o through the midfield by Roma's Emidio Oddi broke a West German striker Rudi put Roma 2-0 ahead.

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Few foreign players

Pope John Paul, who once revealed he played in goal as a

youth, takes no part in the activi-

ties. but there are still some

exotic foreign names among the

here at the moment," the Holy See's league supremo Sergio Val-

ci told Reuters in an interview.
"But we do have a couple of

Brazilians and some Africans,"

he added, explaining that teams were allowed to field two stu-

dents from pontifical academies

in Rome. The academies are clas-

burly non-Italian defensive talent

through the Swiss guard, the

However, due to duties beyond

the call of soccer, the Swiss guard

have been unable to field a team

in 1988 because they cannot mus-

ter enough off-duty players at any

one time. Instead, the leading

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Vatican teams prepare for

Holy See soccer season

VATICAN CITY — The late Soviet dictator Josef

Stalin once mockingly questioned the Vatican's authority by demanding: "The Pope how many divisions has he got?"

Militarily, the reply is none. the issue altogether.

Voeller.

Maradona, top League scorer this season with 12 goals, bad a close-range shot but Roma held. on in a tense finish.

good match hut was repeatedly thwarted by Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi who had tew problems in stopping bis The match had earlier been marred by the arrest of 11 fans following violent skirmishes out-side Naples railway station. favourite set-piece free-kicks from the edge of the area. Police said six officers were injured when stones and at least Napoli fought back hard after

the interval and narrowly missed scoring on several occasions but their vulnerability in defence showed in the 71st minute when Maradona's 31-year-old marker Emidio Oddi broke through to

No fan violence

All matches are played on fore-

ign soil — the Holy See only has

two tennis courts — and attend-ances bover around the 100 mark,

with most of the fans related to

"We pretend to be away one week and home the next," one of

the players said in practice on Rome's Pius XII pitch, owned by

the Knights of Columbus charity

Crowd violence is unknown.

although there is a disciplinary

committee which rules on misde-

meanours. Players are sent off and suspended "when neces-

Players form teams from the

offices in which they work, but

can join others if they are unable

Valci, raising his eyes beaven-

wards at the snggestion of a trans-

fer market, said friendship and a

chance to be in the best team

played the major role in enticing

a "star" player.
"But good players are keenly fought over," he added.

Age is not a problem, with the

youngest player around 20 and

the oldest, backed up by a man-

datory medical certificate proving

his fitness to take part, still bat-

team, although a representative

side has played friendlies. Their

record stands at 17 wins, two

Valci said that, while known in

Vancan circles as "The League,"

the weekend activities were not

officially sanctioned by the Holy

See, which belongs to no official

"Because of our non-official

status we don't ask the Pope to

take an interest although we

know he keeps himself informed

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two bome-made petrol bombs were thrown in the street.

A further 260 Roma fans were banned from the match and sent home on a special train.

Milan marked the return of Dutch European footballer-ofthe-year Rund Gullit after a onematch suspension with a disappointing bome performance that failed to take advantage of

their clear superiority. Sampdoria suffered an early setback against Pescara but bad levelled by balftime through Brazilian Cerezo and clinched both points in the 72nd minute with Fansto Pari's goal.

PSV wins 5-0

In the Netherlands Enc Viscaal slammed home four goals Sunday as Dutch First Division leaders PSV Eindhoven continued their dominance with a 5-0 home win over VVV Venlo.

There were no signs that PSV were fatigued by their tough European Cup game against Bor-deaux tast Wednesday.

Tubbs plans to knock out Tyson

seconds in the 200 metres Sunday TOKYO (AP) — Tony Tubbs arrived in Tokyo Sunday in advat the European Indoor Track and Field Championships to tie ance of his challenge undisputed world beavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, and predicted that he would knock out Tyson the second fastest time in the event this year. Christie, who won Saturday's 60-metre dash, set his sights on Bruno Marie-Rose's world record as he geared up for the final later "between the eighth and 10th

At a news conference shortly after his arrival, Tubbs said, "my condition is very good following training" in the United States.

rounds" in their March 21 title

"I've already sparred more than 100 rounds there." Asked about his weight, Tubbs replied, "at present, I weigh 234 pounds (106.4 kilogrammes). My best weight is 231 pounds (105 kilogrammes) so no problem ab-

"Tyson is a good champion and is very, very strong. He is an all-round fighter and I am a boxer. It's not easy to beat him, but ! will try," Tubbs said of his first match against Tyson.

"I will knock out Tyson between the eighth and 10th rounds," said Tuhbs.

the world record in the semifinals of the women's 60-metre dash. Moller's 7.04 seconds was just four hundredths of a second slower than the two-year-old record set by Nelli Cooman-Fiere of the

France's Marie-Rose, who set the record of 20.36 at last year's

championships in Lievin, is not competing in Budapest. The men's 200 metres was one

of 18 finals on a heavy last-day programme at the 10,000-seater

Silke Molter, better known

under her maiden name of Silke

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history of automobile sport.

Gladisch, came close to breaking

BUDAPEST (AP) — Britain's Netherlands. Linford Christie clocked 20.79 Four finals

THE NEW GRAND-PRIX KING: A few laps are left on the

Estoril race-track in that elegant seaside resort to the north of

Lisbon. The favourites, Nigel Mansel and Nelson Piquet, are out of the race and the result is being played out between the Austrian Gerhardt Berger and the Frenchman Alain Prost. The latter has,

for several months, been out to achieve bis 28th Grand-Prix victory, which would confirm him as the best racing-driver in the

Moller, Christie close

in on world records

Four finals were decided in the morning session Sunday. Reyes Sobrino gave Spain its first gold medal of the tournament by clocking 12:48.99 in the women's 3,000-metre walk. Claudia Losch won the women's shot for West Germany with a heave of 20.39 Elly van Hulst of the Nether-

lands took the women's 3,000 metres in 8:44.50 after Britain's

Wendy Sly had set the early pace.
Sly finished third, behind Vera
Michallek of West Germany.
"After finishing second in
Lievin at last year's European
Indoors, victory was the only
acceptable result for me," Van

World indoor high jump record holder Carlo Thraenhardt of West Germany was stripped Sunday of his bronze medal at the European Indoor Track and Field Championships for leaving the arena without permission, organisers announced.

Graf wins hard court tennis championships

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (R) — Top seed Steffi Graf served badly but easily won her second tournament of the year when she beat Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the \$200,000 U.S. Women's Hard Court Championships Saturday.

Graf, the world number one from West Germany, combined power and finesse to overcome her serving difficulty. The fourth-seeded Maleeva, ranked 13th in the world, lasted just over an hour, which is almost respectable against Graf.

"Today I was trying to put more pace on the shots," said Graf, after winning ber first tournament since victory at the

Australian Open in January.
"I think she (Maleeva) was playing all right but she could have done more with her shots. My serve was horrible and I will have to work on it," added Graf, who did not play a tournament in the five weeks between titles. Maleeva appeared to be giving

Graf a workout after two opening set breaks against the top seed's

Maleeva came up with her second break to lead 4-3, but Graf broke right back and won the last three straight games.

With the second set level a 1-1 and the third game at deuce, Graf hammered two forehand winners from the baseline to take the lead and never looked back.

The West German teenager hroke Maleeva at love, held her serve at 15 and broke the Bulgarian again to take a commanding 5-1 lead, before serving out the

"I wasn't playing too well in the first set," said Graf, who collected \$40,000 for ber efforts. "In the second set, it was much easier for me to hit the shots." Becker to face

Cash in tennis final INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (R) -Defending champion Boris Becker of West Germany will face Spain's Emilio Sanchez, who Saturday upset Australian Pat-Cash, in the final of the \$702,500

Champions Cup tennis tourna-

titanic two-bour, nine-minute struggle in the sun against the latest American whiz-kid, Andre Agassi. Becker ousted the seventh seed 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Sanchez, the eighth seed, was a 6-4, 6-4 winner over the fourthseeded Wimbledon champion, who played a lacklustre match volleying erratically and return-

ing serve weakly.

Becker took an early 3-0 lead, but the 17th-ranked 17-year-old forged a fierce comeback, hitting winners to both sides as he ripped

off five straight games.

The startled Becker, who faced a barrage of passing shots, began to stay in the back court — but it was too late to salvage the first a set, which Agassi ended with an

In the second set, Becker sound the groove on his ground strokes and came up with a break in the sixth game that was to prove the difference. Becker's confidence grewing the third set as he again began to

attack net at every opportunity while Agassi started to miss on his passing shots.

Becker broke Agassi with a blazing backhand return down

the line to take 6-5 lead in the final set and served out the match with a service winner on his second match point.

> Hanika reaches \$100,000 tennis final

WICHITA (R) — Third seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany dug herself ont of a hole for the third straight match and beat little-known Hester Witvoet of The Netherlands 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 by reach the final of the \$100,000 Kansas Tennis Tonrnament

Hanika will face top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, who recovered from ber marathon quarter-final victory to dispose of Soviet Svetlana Parkhomenko 6-2, 6-1 in one hour.

Hanika, ranked 19 in the world, has not beaten the eighthranked Maleeva in three tries. Maleeva said she had little

sleep after Friday night's nearly Becker, seeded third, won a Czechoslovak Jana Novotna.

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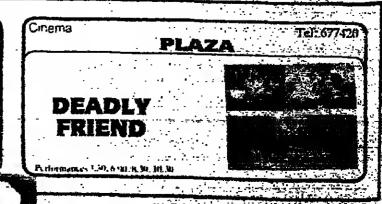
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AMMAN = The Jordan-based Arab Bank Group, one of the largest and most internationally diversified privately-owned Arab banks, last year increased its net profit to \$82 million, from \$76 million in 1986. The group also registered a seven per cent in-crease in its total balance sheet, to \$15.4 billion, including out-standing guarantees and letters of

Its continued profitability and international expansion, when many Middle Eastern banks have reported lower profits due to problem debts at home and abroad, is seen here as vindication of the Arab Bank's 55-yearold tradition of very conservative management.

"We're satisfied to have maintained our position and kept our profits stable during a difficult period," Deputy Chairman Khalid Sboman told the Jordan

While net interest income remained virtually unchanged last year, income from commissions, foreign exchange earnings and interest from (mostly Jordanian government) securities rose sharply, resulting in total income of \$247 million, against \$225 million the previous year.

The Arab Bank Gronp adopted a slightly more aggressive marketing strategy last year, and increased lending by twenty per cent, to \$3.517 billion. Deposits increased from \$11.8 bil-

fion to \$12.6 billion. The bank will distribute \$24.5 million in cash dividends, at what has become its usual rate of 35 per cent of par sbare value (though its shares are trading on the Amman stock exchange at over twelve times their par

Total shareholders' equity was increased at the end of the year to \$785.3 million, representing a cumulative equity increase of 57.7 per cent during the past five

The Arab Bank Group's consistent profitability, during the past five years of turbulence in global and Middle Eastern markets, reflects four major factors: Its substantial inner reserves, its cautious approach to new banking markets and services, a diversified international network of branches, affiliates, subsidiaries and sister institutions huilt up throughout the world during the past 55 years, and the maintenance of a very high liquidity ratio, which reached 70 per cent

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The Arab Bank Limited itself registered a small rise in its net profit, from JD 23.5 million to JD 23.9 million, largely due to a drop in net interest income. Its balance sheet total increased from JD 3.772 billion to JD 3.897 billion during the year. Total income rose from JD 66.84 million to JD 68.69 million, while total expenses increased from JD 43.32 million to JD 44.78 million.

Jordanian firm renews accord to haul Iraqi oil to Aqaba

AMMAN (J.T.) — Odeh Naber and Sons Transport Company has announced that it recently concluded an agreement with the Iraqi oil ministry for the transport of three million tonnes of Iraqi crude oil from Iraq to the port of

The company said an average 7,000 tonnes a day of land shipments of Iraqi oil began last Tuesday, employing 1,100 trucks in one of the biggest transport operations in the area.

Odeh Naber and Sons Transport Company, under an agreement with the Iraqi government, transported five million tonnes of crude over 27 months ending October last year.

UDD awards JD 1.6 million contract for Um Nuwwara

AMMAN (Petra) - A local construction firm has won a JD 1.6 million contract from the Urban Development Department (UDD) to build the second phase of the Um Nuwwara bousing estate project

within the Greater Amman Municipality.

The contract, signed here Sunday by Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Minister Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber and the local company's general manager, stipulates that the project should be implemented in four stages on a piece of land divided into 830 plots, of which 211 will be used for the housing units and the rest will be left to be distributed to other beneficiaries who would like to set up their own homes.

UDD Director General Hisham Al Zagha said that work on the project will begin May 1 and will take 670 days to be completed. Initially, no less than 6,000 citizens will benefit from this project, but this could rise to 12,000, once vertical and horizontal expansion was carried out at later stages, Zagha noted.

He said that the size of the plots of land ranges between 112 and 320 square metres and that the project will be supplied with all basic services such as aspbalted roads, car parks, water and electricity networks, telephone services and shopping centres.

In addition two schools, one for girls and the other for boys, as well as centres for providing bealth and social services, an emergency aid centre and a vocational centre for women are included in the project. Zagha, who was speaking after the signing ceremony, said that the contract stipulates that the company use locally produced building

materials in a hid to encourage local production. Locally produced silicate hricks will be used in the construction of 50 units as a trial design to test the marketability of the new style." If beoeficiaries show readioess to silicate brick bouses, future

projects will be set up along the same lines, Zagha noted. He said that UDD had earber used silicate hrick in the construction of schools, social ceotres and other public facilities in its earlier

Bahrain considers clampdown on visiting financial advisors

BAHRAIN (R) - Bahrain's cence but there are no provisions monetary authorities may take for institutions which are not regsteps to clamp down on visiting istered as hanks. financial advisers operating illegally on the island, banking

sources said Saturday.

They said the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) is considering moves to stop advisers from operating here without licences, both to safeguard the public and to protect local financial institutions from unfair competition.

By law, the financial institutions operating in Bahrain must have an investment hanking li-

not banks."

There are two paths the BMA could take," one source said. "It could enforce the legislation which makes this type of operation a criminal offence, or it could introduce a licensing system for investment institutions which are

Salman said the huildings would preserve the region's The sources said the matter was not a serious problem, hut recent events had brought it to architecture in a refined way. Two bridges would connect the palace with the mosque as in the the BMA's attention. They declined to elaborate.

Vatican projects record deficit in '88 budget

VATICAN CITY (Agencies) — The Vatican Saturday projected a 1988 budget deficit of \$61.8 million, a figure \$5.1 million higher than its record shortfall.

However, the predicted deficit is just \$127,200 higher at current exchange rates than the one predicted for last year. The Vatican said the final figures for 1987 will be made public next fall. The budget released by Cardin-

al Giuseppe Caprio, president of the Prefect of Economic Affairs for the Holy See, forecasted 1988 revenues of \$60.1 million and spending of \$121.9 million.

The Vatican bas operated at a loss every year since 1979 when it first made its financial details public. That year it announced a deficit of about \$20 million.

The hudget covers expenses for the Curia, or the church's central administration, Vatican Radio, diplomatic missions and the Vatican newspaper, l'Osservatore

Riyadh to spend

\$125m to rebuild

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia launched a 470 million riyal (\$125

million) project Saturday to re-

huild the old centre of its capital

Riyadh along traditional lines. Prince Salman, governor of

Riyadb, signed contracts to re-

construct the government palace,

the central mosque and old city

walls and gates, and to make

other major improvements, the

Saudi Press Agency said.

The agency quoted Salman as saying the 3½-year project involved constructing new buildings in traditional Nejdi style on the site of the originals, which will be torn down.

Rivadh's old centre, a dusty

quarter of narrow alleyways and

beige, crenellated mudbrick

bouses, lies sonth of the modern

The rebuilt, 141 million rival

(\$40 million) central mosque will

Salman said a reconstructed

government palace would con-

tinue its role as the king's head-

The 194 million riyal (\$50 mil-

lion) palace will cootain the

king's office and reception and

New public facilities, roads

and squares will be built with

fountains, trees and canopies for

pedestrians, Salman said.

bold 13,500 worshipers.

use it to receive guests.

banquet balls.

torn down.

business district.

old city centre

It does not include the Vatican Bank, or the costs of Pope John Paul II's travels, which the Vatican says are paid for by local churches.

The Vatican Thursday again released a statement on 1986 that repeated the record deficit of \$56.7 million and for the first time gave the breakdown for expenses and income.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin
Navarro said it was released at

the request of Pope John Paul II "to show clearly both the needs of the Holy See and the way it has spent its money. Navarro said the Vatican bopes

ful all over the world share the responsibility for the needs of the Holy See.

The 12-member Council of

MUSCAT (AP) - Oman bas

"the openness will help the faith-

Cardinals for the study of the organisation and economic problems of the Holy See approved the proposed budget during its meeting at the Vatican that began Thursday and ended Saturday.

The council said the deficit will be covered by contributions from "Peter's pence," the annual offering from Roman Catholics to the Pope.

It noted that worldwide con-

tributions to that fund bad increased from just over \$32 million in 1986 to \$50.3 million last year. Salaries and pensions account for the single largest expense on the 1988 budget, or 53.8 per cent of total spending. The council projected the Vatican will spend \$65.6 million on salaries for 2,357 workers and pensions for 897 retired people.

Budget to be audited

Taking a major step towards

opening its financial affairs to public scrutiny, the Vatican announced that its budget would be audited in the foture.

Vatican financial officials had agreed to an audited budget following suggestions by several Ro-man Catholic hishops' conferences, the statement said without

An informed Vatican source said the auditing would probably be an external one by a special-

ised accounting firm. The statement did not say when auditing would begin.

The two recent moves followed years of lohhying by some cardinals, notably Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, to get the Vatican to give a regular public account of its finances.

Krol has often urged the Vatican to agree to auditing, saying the Holy See — whose budget is smaller than those of some U.S. dioceses — had nothing to hide.

Oman reports promising new oil find

reported a promising new oil find in the southern parts of the sultanate, but Petroleum and Minerals Minister Saeed Al Shanfari said Sunday that the find will not be put on stream because of the country's policy of restraining oil production.

Officials at the Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), the country's main producer, said the find had a potential flow rate of a thousand barrels per day.

Al Shanfari said the discovery would help boost Oman's oil reserves but production would not

by Sultan Qaboos to cut output to support OPEC's efforts to stabilise world prices. Oman, which is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), presently produces 536,750 barrels per day, following a five per cent cut on Feb. 1, the third in 17 months. The sultanate, where oil export

revennes are a mainstay of the economy, seeks to help OPEC bolster and stabilise oil prices at \$18 a barrel.

Oman is to attend a meeting of

be undertaken, following orders non-OPEC oil producing countries in London later this month to study oil market trends, Al Sbanfari said.

PDO exploration manager Hans Varenkamp said early tests on its discovery at Thamoud 1 pointed to a 1,000 barrel per day flow rate. Field capacity estimates are likely to rise following tests heiog carried out four kilometres away on a second promising rig, Thamoud 111.

Varenkamp said "they look encouraging. We are drilling deeper while tests continue.

Kremlin proposes expanding private role buildings. — It contains guarantees

MOSCOW (AP) - The government Saturday took steps to open the door to greatly expanded private enterprise, proposing to encourage all-out competition with state-run businesses and allow contact with foreign com-

The new draft law, which will need the approval of parliament. the Supreme Soviet, was splashed over four pages of the government newspaper Izvestia.

quarters for official functions and Although it appears to greatly expand opportunities for private The old palace bad been the residence of King Abdul Aziz, enterprises, called cooperatives, the law appears to do little to cut the founder of the modern Saudi the red tape that has stifled some state. His sons kings Saud, Faisal, prospective entrepreoeurs. Khalid and Fahd, cootinued to

Still, it opens the field.

engage in any activity except those which are illegal," preamble states. The proposed draft law fine-

tunes previous liberal regulations and adds these features:

- It allows cooperatives to conduct business with foreign companies and to receive hard currency as payment. It specifically mentions the possibility of exporting and importing, previously reserved only for state-

run enterprises. - It allows cooperatives to hire consultants, who must do

"A cooperative has the right to right to own property such as level."

in the running of cooperatives except to maintain law and order.

— It provides for prospective cooperatives to appeal governmental rejection of their applications to start a business. - It allows state-run enter-

against government interference

prises to become members of cooperatives.

The law stresses that the independence of cooperatives from

the government must be maintained and encourages outright their work in spare time ontside competition with state-run entertheir regular government jobs. prises to "foster elevation of the - It gives cooperatives the economy to the world-class

Economist urges rethink on stock market

BUDAPEST (R) — A leading architect of Hungary's economic reforms has said his conntry should rethink traditional communist opposition to stock markets, adding that Karl Marx never intended people to be poor.

Hungary bas been a pace-setter among East European nations in nomic reforms. Jozsef Bognar, director of the conceptions."

said it should now risk having a stock exchange for the sake of economic progress.

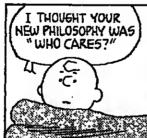
"I think both Hungary and the of the country," be said.

introducing market-oriented eco- rest of the socialist community should reverse some of their pre-"Marx did not want us to live in

Hungarian Academy of Science's "Marx did not want us to Institute for World Economics, a poor country," be said. What we have to do is find the elements of a capital market which can be used to the benefit

Peanuts









Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



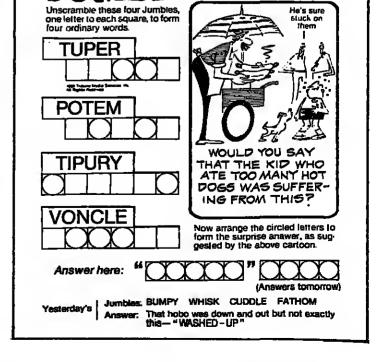








JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



Jordan Spinning and Weaving ranked third and fourth for 28,600 shares and 22,325 shares respectively.

403,000 shares valued at JD 105,700 spread over 135 contracts, all figures being the highest of all 45 companies whose shares were traded. 56,934 shares of Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipment were traded hut the volume stood only at JD 11,027. In terms of the number of shares, 'Alaeddin Industries and

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (I.T.) - Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries

figured prominently Sunday as it topped the list of trading with

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carrolf Righter Institute will be unusually adept at com-municating your ideas and inten-tions to others early in the day, so take advantage of this tendency. Investigate the details of any new

plans very carefully.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you've been having a long-standing disagreement with your mate, this is a good time to clear it up and inrease the happiness at home.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Find a better system for handling
your daily duties. This will help you
save time and effort, but will in-

crease your productivity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule some appointments for social activities later in the week, and plan your work for tomorrow.
Pay more attention to your healthMOON CHILDREN June 22 to Jul. 211 Before you go out this mor-

to entertain there touight. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) This is a good day to catch up on your neglected correspondence and any vital business matters. Get together with good friends tonight. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Now is a good time to take care of any

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You . financial problems and get good results. If you have to make some home repairs, get estimates first. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can find some lucrative new

> you can be much more successful in the future. Reserve the evening for your mate and a few good friends. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find out what your friends want

> If you need some advice on how to proceed with a financial venture, ac-

A trusted superior can give you some great help in moving quickly toward your career goals. Drive carefully this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You

ning, make sure your house is in perfect condition, as you may want

business opportunities if you stay alert. If your good friends need assistance, offer your help. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 211 Let your talents shine through, and

of you, and you can please them greatly this evening. State your personal goals clearly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

cept advice only from a qualified expert and act quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

can make some valuable new con-tacts today, so be charming and put your best foot forward. Try to be more cooperative with co-workers.

The Daily Commuter Puzzle



ASALA supports Armenian demand, Detitions Gorbachev

for the liberation of Armenian

territory annexed by Turkey."

The ethnic unrest began Feb.

13 with street rallies and strikes

by Armenians in Nagorno-Kara-

bakh, a so-called autonomous re-

gion of Azerbaijan in the Cau-

casus mountains. Armenians con-

tend the region should be part of

of Armenia because most of its

Armenian faction involved in

attacks against Turkish targets

East on the ethnic troubles in the

ASALA, like several other

Lebanon-based underground

Armenian factions, blames Tur-

key for a 1915 massacre in which

year-old secessionist war that kil-

led more than 50,000 people in

In another development, Man-

ila's immigration chief said

Japanese Red Army extremists have entered the Philippines and

armed Communist rebels to carry

out assassination and sabotage.

Miriam Defensor Santiago said

members of the Red Army and

Bouryuku-Dan, a Japanese cri-

minal syndicate, entered through

Santiago's disclosure, in a

speech to a civic group Friday, was published in the Philippine

Starweek newspaper Sunday.

Aquino, in a taped speech

broadcast Sunday, said she fully

supported a government cam-

paign to arrest and deport fore-

igners involved in illegal activi-

Aquino made no mention of

the Japanese Red Army. The

government last month deported 22 foreigners, aged between 55

and 60, accused of sexually abus-

businessmen.

Immigration Commission

Red Army role alleged

ASALA's statement was the

population is Armenian.

Soviet Union.

SEIRUT (Agencies) — An underground Armenian laction based in Lebanon appealed to the Kremlin Sunday to "favourably consider" the demands of Soviet Armenians involved in ethnic violence in the southern Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan.

The plea was made by the Armenian Secret Army for the struggle of non-Soviet Armenians Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) in a statement addressed to Soviet Communist Party leader Mikhail Gorbachev. ASALA's type-written Arabic-language latement was delivered by hand western news agencies in

The leftist (ASALA) declared with Soviet Armenians seeking to recover the Nagorno-Karabakh region" from neighbouring Azer-

beijan. We are confident that the Soviet Communist Party, its Cenal Committee and its general secretary comrade Gorbachev take a just and unequivocal cision to return Nagorno-Karabakh to Soviet Armenia, which is an integral part of the USSR," the statement said.

The statement also urged the

out Armenian struggle for inde-

Azerbaijani letter

Armenians were killed to snuff

Moscow Radio reported Sun-day residents of Azerbaijan had sent a letter to Kremlin officials denouncing the violence in

Nagorno-Karabakh. The letter criticised "attempts to disrupt the friendship of Soviet

The dispute over demands for changes in regional boundaries underlies ethnic rioting between Azerbaijanis and Armenians in which 33 people have died.

the neighbouring Soviet Republic One Azerbaijani newspaper which reached Moscow Sunday said the situation in the two republics was back to normal but first issued by a clandestine that Azerbaijani refugees who fled Armenia when the protests and personnel in the United States, Europe and the Middle started were aggravating matters

by spreading rumours.

Moscow Radio said the letter
was sent to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, and was signed by "a group of people of the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan."



Altcar, near Liverpool last week. Photo below arrested (The Guardian).

BLOOD WILL DRAW BLOOD; British shows a bare at the mercy of bloodhounds in an police arrest an anti-blood sports demonstrator at incident of the sort that provoked the protest, in the Waterloo Cup Hare Coursing meeting at which at least 500 people took part and 12 were



aquino planning Saudi trip

MANTLA (R) - Philippine President Corazón Aquino is reportedly planning a mid-year visit to Saudi Arabia to woo support from the Islamic World for her government, which is facing threats of a renewed Muslim suparatist war.

The respected Manila Chronicle newspaper quoted the Philippine ambassador to Washington, Emmanuel Pelacz, Sunday as saying Aquino might visit Jeddah Labour Organisation meeting in Geneva in June.

Pelaez was Agnino's chief acgotiator in autonomy talks with h luslim separatists until he was named Washington envoy late icht year. He has remained her close adviser on Muslim affairs. Presidential Press Secretary Lendoro Benigno said Sunday he could not confirm or deny the

teport. The report followed moves by the Moro National Liberation Front to gain membership of the Organisation of Islamic Confereace (OIC) to strengthen its campaign for a separate Muslim homeland in the southern Philipsine island of Mindanao.

Rebel spokesmen have said Saudi Arabia backed the front's cis of O.C membership, which would give it the status of a dirtual government in exile.

handle says it is confident the when it meets in Amman later the month. But it has also exbeat to fears that OIC approval ing Filipino boys.

DY CHARLES GOREN

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Opening lead: Nine of ()
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Bhutto makes surprise gesture

RAWALPINDI (R) — Benazir Bbutto, Pakistan's main opposi-tion figure, offered Prime Minister Mobammad Khan Junejo surprise praise at an unprecedented meeting Saturday. might rekindle a dormant 15-

"This meeting is a meeting of hope and promise," Bbutto said in a speech to a closed conference which Junejo called to consult opposition politicians about U.N.-mediated Afghan peace

Copies of Bbutto's speech were given to reporters by her Pakistan People's Party (PPP), the main force in the mine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) which she also heads.

Most opposition parties have questioned the legitimacy of funejo's administration, the product of 1985 polls which were held under martial law and which Cebu airport posing as tourists or tbey were barred from contesting.

But Bbutto addressed Junejo as "Mr. Prime Minister" for the first time and said civilians should resolve their differences through

However, she referred to the 11-year rule of President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq as a "brutal dictatorship."

The meeting was Junejo's first with opposition parties since he took office and Bhutto's first with the government since Gen. Zia's 1977 coup toppled her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was later executed.

Tibetans go on rampage in Lhasa

PEKING (Agencies) — Tibetans seeking independence from China attacked a police station in Lhasa Saturday, beating up officers and destroying their vehicles as a major Buddhist festival came

According to Western sources, at least three people were killed. The official Xinhua news agency made no mention of casualties or arrests in the first anti-Chinese violence reported in the Tibetan capital since October. At least 14 people were killed during the protests Oct. 1 in which protesters destroyed a police station.

The Xinhua account in Chinese, unlike that in English, said the police station attacked Saturday was a small one opened in central Lhasa's Barkhor marketplace to replace the one destroyed in the October protest.

Both the old and the new stations are within metres of the Jokhang Temple, Lhasa's boliest temple built in the seventh century. Saturday's clash occurred as hundreds of Tibetan Buddhist monks and pilgrims attended closing ceremonies at the temple in a major 10-day prayer festival. During Saturday's incidents.

monks hurled stone slabs from rooftops onto cars of local television crews, punched reporters and set fire to a limousine in

The China News Service, mon-itored by Reuters in Hong Kong, said about 60 monks used stones from a monastery roof to smash vans from Tibet's television station whose crews were filming the final ceremonies of the region's biggest Buddhist festival.

Smoke billowed from the souare in central Lhasa and a photograpah published in Hong Kong newspapers Sunday showed belmeted firemen apparently

fighting the blaze. Xinhua reported in Peking that "a number of agitators, against

the wishes of local residents and lamas (monks), shouted reactionary slogans and attacked a police station and the office of the Tibetan branch of the Buddhist Association, beating up police and destroying vehicles."

The state-approved Buddhist Association regularly calls on the Tibetan clergy to cooperate with Chinese authorities and criticises the independence movement led by Tibet's exiled religious leader, the Dalai Lama.

The People's Daily carried a brief account of the latest unrest on its back page, saying that the situation was soon brought under control.

Communications with the recut off Sunday. Telephone operators lold callers in Peking that the lines to Lhasa were out of order. They said they did not know when communication would be restored.

S. Africa offers Angola deal to Soviets

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa's Defence Minister General Magnus Malan bas offered Moscow a direct deal over Angola, state-run Radio

South Africa reported Sunday. The radio quoted Malan as saying that if the Soviet Union was willing to accept a free, neutral and non-aligned government in Angola -- as it had proposed for Afghanistan - South Africa would not insist that the govern-

ment be pro-South African. "The Soviets had clearly taken note of the weakening of influence of the United States in southern Africa," the radio reported Malan as saying in a state-

had provided greater scope for Soviet activities in Angola," he

The current Angolan government is backed by the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The radio commented: "General Malan's statement has made the future of Angola a South African-Soviet issue.

ft quoted Malan as saying Pretoria would be satisfied with a government formed on the basis of a settlement between the pro-Western UNITA rebel movement and the ruling MPLA (People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola) party.

"The vacuum left by the U.S. hold talks with the UNITA rebels, who have waged a hit-and-run war against the government since the country's independence from

> South African troops are fight-ing in Angola to help UNITA the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — resist an offensive from government forces backed by Soviet advisers and Cuban troops.

Malan stressed in the state-ment that South Africa would stand by UNITA, saying that if the rebel group was weakened or destroyed," the whole of southern Africa would be handed over Angola has always refused to to military planning by Moscow."

Bush wins big in South Carolina

COLUMBIA (AP) — Vice-President George Bush overwhelmed three rivals in South Carolina's Republican presidential primary Saturday, hoping his victory would trigger a fresh harvest of

political support.
On the Democratic side, Senator Albert Gore and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis split the prize Saturday in party caucuses in the western state of Wyoming. Wyoming Re-publicans divided their delegates between Bush and Sen. Bob

Both the Democratic and Republican campaigns explode this week into multi-state state contests March 8 for convention delegates — 1,307 Democrat and 712 Republican. The date is dubbed "super Tuesday."

State delegates from each party

selected will meet at national conventions in the summer to pick nominees for the presidential election in November.

In South Carolina, Dole edged former television evangelist Pat Robertson in the battle for second place. But with 48 per cent of the total vote, Bush won all the state's 37 delegates to the Republican convention.

Congressman Jack Kemp was fourth, putting a virtual end to his long shot hopes. Still, he said, We're alive, we're going on."

The outcome was a setback for Robertson. He once said he would win in South Carolina, but there were indications his popularity might be waning even among his

core constituency.

Bush, in North Carolina, called his victory Saturday "a fantastic showing," and said, "even though we're locked in a close race, these results are going to help. I believe I will be the next president of the United States."

Wyoming

In Wyoming, Republicans and Democrats began selecting convention delegations. Gore and Dukakis of Massachusetts won four Democratic delegates each, while Congressman Richard Gephardt got three. Two others

In the state's Republican caucuses, where 12 delegates were allotted, Dole won fonr, Bush won three, one was uncommitted and four were to be allotted.

Both Democrats claimed victory. Gore of the state convention delegates. Dukakis of the

straw vote. "Three days before super

Tuesday is a pretty good time to have your first win." Gore said. The Dukakis campaign cited

the popular vote totals and claimed victory. Said campaign aide Leslie Dach, "Today Wyoming voters chose the one presidential candidate who can take charge of our economic future." Gephardt said, "It was essen-nally a tie as f understand it."

With results from South Carolina and Wyoming, the Associated Press delegate count gave Bush 125. Dole 64, Kemp 35, and Robertson 8 delegates. A total of 712 delegates will be at stake Tuesday, more than balf of the 1.139 necded for the Republican nomination.

Police, students battle in Karachi

KARACHI (R) - Police opened fire Saturday to disperse students who set three buses on fire during a 90-minute battle over the arrest of a Pakistani student leader after a bank robbery at Karachi University. Doctors said at least four people, one a policeman, were-wounded. Police said students used automatic weapons smug-gled from neighbouring Afghanistan as the battle raged through two universities over Thursday's arrest of Najeeb Ahmad, president of the Peoples Student Fed-eration. Ahmad and two other students were arrested by police a few days after a 1.2 million rupee (\$68,500) bank robbery at Karachi University.

Basilica tells guides to hush

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Many a tourist has stood in awed silence inside St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom, but now their guides will have to do the same. Basilica authorities have asked tour guides to explain the church's features to their charges while in the atrium, before walking through the main part of the church. The ANSA news agency said the church had received letters of complaints from visitors about the tour guides' speeches as tourists viewed the interior, which houses Michelangelo's Pieta as well as many other art treasures.

First cases of AIDS reported among **Brazilian Indians**

BRASILIA (R) — Authorities have reported what they believe to be the first cases of AIDS among Brazilian Indians. The government Indian agency Funai said Friday two Indians had con-tracted the killer disease, one in Mato Grosso and the other in the sonthern state of Santa Catarina. Officials said the victim in Santa Catarina had been living with a prostitute who was infected with AIDS. Funai hopes to launch an. AIDS information campaign targetting the country's 220,000 Indians. Romero Juca, president of Funai, said Indians were particularly susceptible to disease introduced from outside their societies. According to the latest official figures, 2.651 AIDS cases bave been reported in Brazil.

Harrison says surviving Beatles may play together again

LONDON (AP) — George Harrison said Thursday night that he and the other two surviving Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, may soon "write a tune and play together" again. "It won't be the Beatles, of course, but it may happen and we are getting on with Paul much better than we used to," Harrison, 45, said during the recording of a television talk show. The "Aspel and Com-pany" show, bosted by Michael Aspel, will be screened by London weekend television Saturday. Starr, who also appears on the show, said at the recording session that the Beatles were once offered £50 million (\$88 million) to play just one concert together after the British group broke up in 1970. Starr said he had telephoned the other three members of the group to whip up support but they all had refused to take

Schmidt awarded Roosevelt medal

NEW YORK (AP) - Former

Chancelior Helmut Schmidt of West Germany was named-Thursday as recipient of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Freedom Medal for his role in strengthening the Federal Republic of Germany. Winners of four other awards — the four freedoms medals — also were announced by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. They were occupied Jerusalem's Israeli mayor. Teddy Kollek, interna-tional banker Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, business leager are common Hammer, and Di. Halidan.
Mahler, director general of the leaf, business leader Dr. Armand World Health Organisation. It was the first time in the history of the awards, started in 1951, that the principal laureage is a citizen of the Pederal Republic of Ger-

British exercises at Falklands rile Argentines

By John Leonard

Both voluerable. South deals. keeping with modern theory, South's opening bid showed 21-22 NORTH points. Simple arithmetic told North his side had adequate values for a small slam but not enough to consider a grand slam, so he headed EAST for his goal via the most direct ₱ 9874 : 1053 : J5 + Q 10 S Z

SAVE THE FINESSE

GOREN BRIDGE

With four cards to the queen in one major and four to the knave in the other, West decided a lead in ci-ther of those suits was too risky. The diamond sequence looked safe enough. As it turned out, however, that solved one of declarer's prob-lems, for it gave declarer four sure tricks in the suit and, therefore, nine fast tricks outside the club suit

Is there a way to guarantee three club tricks regardless of how the suit is distributed? Yes. Win the opening lead in hand, lead a low club and go up with the king. Now return a club. If East shows out, rise with the ace and lead another club toward the jack. No matter what West does,

Suppose that East produces a low club: what now? Must you guess? Not at all. Simply insert your nine. If West shows out, the ace will there is only one club outstanding and you can draw it with the ace an

The Associated Press STANLEY, Falkland Islands

— Overriding Latin American protests. British troops head to the Falkland Islands for exercises beginning Monday to test the country's ability to reinforce the South Atlantic archipelago.

A dispute over the Falkland Islands sparked the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina. The Briosh call the 25-day exercise Fire Focus - a demon-

stration of how aerial refuelling and a new £395 million (\$690) million) airport in the Falklands will permit quick reinforcement of the islands by British-based military forces 13,000 kilometres away.

They insist it is purely defensive, involving no more than 1,000 troops.

But Argentine President Raul Alfonsin has described the exercise as "directly aggravat-ing" to Argentina. Argentines say it is provocative, and other

Latin American nations have asked Britain to call it off. On Saturday. Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo said diplomatic action had prompted British officials to

delay the manneuvres. But an official at the British Defence Ministry in London. speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with British policy, said Saturday night that the exercises would begin

Monday as planned. An official Argentine communique issued Thursday said Buenos Aires plans "vigilance and defensive alert" during the exercises. If necessary, the communique said. Argentina "will execute corresponding defence plans."

The manoeuvres "upset without question the geostrategic conditions in the South Atlantic." Argentina's-chief of naval operations, Vice Admiral Nesfor Baricco, said Feb. 25 as he inaugurated a naval station at Puerto Deseado, 700 kilometres from the Falkland Diplomatic gestures

Following the Feb. 11

announcement of the planned exercises, Brazil cancelled the visit of a British Foreign Office junior minister. Timothy Eggar.
The Organisation of Amer-

ican States (OAS) voted 25-0 to urge Britain to reconsider the plan, urging negotiations with Argentma instead. The United States and Santa Lucia ab-

In London, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Thursday: We are not intending to increase the tension down there. ...There is nothing significant about the timing of it (the exercise). It is not meant in any way to he provocative to

Argentina."
"There is no way in which our garrison down there, even the reinforced garrison, can be construed as anything but defensive," the spokesman said.

The exercise begins Monday and runs through March 31. It is the largest since the 1982 war and the first in which reinforcements are being flown in from Britain.

The war-game scenario envisages an increase in tension requiring troops and equipment to be rushed from Britain to deter an Argentine attack. In 1982 Britain could not

airlift troops to the Falklands because it did not have access to a suitable runway. When the then-ruling Argentine military junta sent in a force that overwhelmed the tiny British garrison unit, London could do nothing but form a naval task force that took weeks to reach the archipelago.

Britain recaptured the colony in a 74-day war that killed 712 Argentines and 258 British troops.

Argentina calls the islands the Malvinas and claims them as an inheritance from Spanish colonial rule. The Argentines assert that Britain stole and

colonised the Islands in 1833 Since the war, talks have deadlocked over Britain's refusal to put the island's sovereignty on the agenda. Britain says sovereignty is non-negotiable because the 1,900 Falkland Islanders wish to remain British.

The exercise will fly a "reinforcement in battalion strength" to the Falklands, said a Delence Ministry spokesman. A British battalion numbers 600 to 1,000, but the spokesman said troop numbers con-cerning the Falklands are classi-

The royal air force will fly an undisclosed number of F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers to the Falklands, using aerial re-fuelling. Larger jets like Nirod marine patrol planes and Tris-tar and Vc-10 transports can refuel on Ascension Island. 5.500 kilometres northeast of the Falklands.

The air force also is flying in a 12-member pool of British and foreign reporters.

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